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*Close Oklahoma House vote goes tribes' way*

## Legislation, compact extend certainty for operations

OKLAHOMA CITY — A bill passed Feb. 26 in the Oklahoma House by a 52-47 vote will establish a model gaming compact, allow three state horse tracks to add electronic gaming and add millions annually to state education funds.

Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry had high praise for the bill, which passed the Oklahoma Senate a week earlier.

"The passage of Senate Bill 553 is a victory for education and funding of education in Oklahoma," said Gov. Henry. "It is a victory for the horse industry in Oklahoma that contributes some 50,000 jobs and more than \$1 billion to our economy. It's a victory for the state of Oklahoma."

"For the first time in the history of Oklahoma, we will provide some legal certainty (to tribes) with respect to which games can be played in Oklahoma."

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill

Anoatubby said the bill was a positive for the tribe.

"We had enough faith that this would pass that our tribal legislature has already passed a resolution which authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to enter into a compact with the state," said Gov. Anoatubby. "So we're anxious to work with the state on this. We've formed an excellent working relationship with this administration and we expect it to continue."

The greatest benefit to the tribes supporting the tribal-state compact, including the Chickasaw Nation, is the clarity the bill

brings to tribal electronic gaming. Under the bill, appropriate games are clearly defined. This

conflicting federal laws and lack of clear rulings, the legality of many games was uncertain.



**Chickasaw Enterprises' WinStar facility, in Thackerville, Okla., will benefit from legislation approved by the Oklahoma State Legislature Feb. 26.**

legal certainty give participating tribes the peace of mind that the games they operate are clearly established as legal.

In the past, due to potentially

Months of negotiation among tribal representatives, state officials and state horsemen went into crafting the bill, which will enable tribes to operate non-class II electronic games and non-house banked card games. Three Oklahoma race tracks will also be allowed to offer electronic games similar to those operated by tribes. This will enable state tracks to offer larger purses, placing them on a more even footing with tracks in neighboring states.

The State of Oklahoma is expected to gain about \$71 million in revenue for education in the first full year of operation under the bill, according to Shawn Ashley, public information officer for the Office of State Finance.

"A lot of hard work has gone into crafting an agreement that benefits everyone involved," said Gov. Anoatubby.

More than two hours of vigorous discussion and debate preceded the vote in the House chamber. Much of the debate centered on what economic benefits the bill would bring to the state.

Minority Todd Hiatt (R-Tulsa)

argued that the bill "is a bad deal for most that are involved."

"It's a mathematical fact that we have to have \$1.4 billion in new gambling losses to generate (\$71 million in state revenue)," said Rep. Hiatt. "Dollars that we're currently collecting sales tax upon. A bad deal any way you look at it."

District 39 Representative Wayne Pettigrew (R-Edmond), however, said that an increase in tribal gaming would be an economic boon for the state in many ways.

"You say the tax is only four to six percent on the tribes, and it's fifteen percent on the horse tracks. The tax on the tribes is one hundred percent," said Rep. Pettigrew. "All of that money goes to tribal health care, tribal roads, all the different types of governmental services that the tribes provide."

"Some of you folks don't like the tribal nations. The tribal nations do a lot for Oklahoma. We probably saved \$100 million last year due to the Indian health clinics and their presence in the state of Oklahoma."

Rep. Pettigrew added that the bill would bring about increased competition between game manufacturers, including companies located in the state.

House Speaker Larry Adair (D-Tahlequah) argued that legislators often band together to bring a few hundred jobs to the state, and encouraged legislators to pass the measure to preserve thousands of jobs in Oklahoma.

"I think we also ought to be concerned about keeping jobs that are in Oklahoma," said Rep. Adair. "The horse racing industry has probably 50,000 jobs that we benefit here in the state of Oklahoma. This is the most important measure that we are going to face this decade."

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Compact opponents may seek statewide vote

After months of negotiation and more than two hours of discussion and debate, the Oklahoma House passed a bill Feb. 26 that will bring legal certainty to tribal gaming operations, allow electronic gaming at three race tracks and provide more than \$71 million annually to state public education.

Opponents of the bill, approved by the Senate a week earlier, are considering whether to take the law to a vote of the

people.

Passed by a 52-47 vote in the House, the bill did not receive the two-thirds vote necessary to pass the emergency clause, which would make the law effective when signed into law by Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry.

As things stand, the bill will not take effect until 90 days after the end of the legislative session in late May.

Rep. Forrest Claunch (R-Midwest City), the primary

opponent of the bill, has said he is considering using that time to organize a petition drive to put the bill on a statewide ballot.

That would require a number of signatures equal to five percent of the number of votes cast in the last general election, which comes to 51,781 signatures.

While Rep. Claunch says he thinks he can garner the necessary number of signatures, he won't make a final decision until the end of the legislative session.

Paul Sund, Gov. Henry's communications director, said a petition drive "would certainly be facing an uphill battle." Sund said the bill has widespread public support in addition to backing by a diverse coalition of educators, horsemen, newspaper editors and tribal governments.

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## CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

## REGULAR SESSION

David Stout Building

Ada, Oklahoma

December 19, 2003

## AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

**Members present:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

**Member absent:** Wanda Blackwood Scott

**Staff present:** Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

**Guests present:** James A. Humes, Sue Simmons, Ross Hill, Anna Cole, Robert L. Cole, Josie Crow, Wilma Watson, Dar Cheadle, Cindy Johnson, Ramona McKee, Misty Barker, Robyn Elliott, Jessie Kemp

## AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

## AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - November 21, 2003

**A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve the November 21, 2003 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

**The motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2003 carried unanimously.**

## AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## (A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-004, Amendment to Title 2, Chapter 4, Article B, Section 2-422 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Salary Review Act of 1991)**

This resolution corrects a date referring to Amendment IV of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation in Title 2, Chapter 4, B, Section 2-422 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve PR21-004. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

**The motion to approve PR21-004 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-009, Approval of Amendment to the Off-Track Wagering Compact with the State of Oklahoma**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's compact with the State of Oklahoma, as approved by the Joint Committee on State and Tribal Relations, to conduct off-track wagering in Chickasaw Nation Indian Country at additional locations, specifically Ardmore, Duncan, Kingston, Madill, and Paoli.

**A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR21-009. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

Mr. David Hatton from Enterprises was present. He answered questions of the Legislators regarding this resolution.

Mr. Woods stated the resolution number should be a general resolution.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to amend the resolution number to General Resolution 21-022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

**The motion to renumber the resolution to GR21-022 carried unanimously.**

A vote was taken to approve the resolution as amended.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright,

Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

**The motion to approve GR21-022, as amended, carried unanimously.**

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

## (B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman D. Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 21-014, Supplemental Capitalization for Bank 2**

This resolution increases the capitalization base of Bank 2 by \$1,000,000 to be provided on or before December 31, 2003, and an additional sum of \$2,000,000 to be provided on or before March 31, 2004, such additional sum to be provided at the Governor's discretion and conditioned upon the availability of funds and Bank 2 meeting specified goals prior to that date.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

11 yes votes

**Member voting no:**

Donna Hartman

1 no vote

**The motion to approve GR21-014 carried.**

Mr. Scott Colbert extended a merry Christmas to everyone from the Finance Committee. He concluded his report.

## (C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

**General Resolution Number 21-013, Approval of Application for Funding Family Violence Prevention and Services**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for the Family Violence Prevention Services program funding through the Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

**The motion to approve GR21-013 carried unanimously.**

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

## (D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy

*See Minutes, page 28*



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## Commitment to children

*Tribal youth programs enrich 'most precious resource'*

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**  
Governor  
Chickasaw Nation

As adults, we often find ourselves very busy.

We are busy with our jobs, our families, our activities, our church work, our travel. We are busy, busy, busy.

Think back for a moment to when you were a child. Life was truly much simpler, more measured and, in many ways, richer. Time moved slowly, and each day offered a new experience.

In our adult lives, we may forget how important certain people and institutions were in our lives as we matured.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we often say our children are our most precious resource. For us, that is not simply a slogan. Children are people we really believe in, and people we want to help — now and for the remainder of

their lives.

In 1993, we established the Youth Services program at the Chickasaw Nation. We established this program to help guide and nourish our Chickasaw young people in grades six through 12. Thousands of Chickasaw students have been enriched through the program.

Chickasaw boys and girls in this program join together to discuss challenges and opportunities for service in local youth councils. They gather to attend Chickasaw cultural camp, College and Career Day and Youth Heritage Day. They discuss important issues at planned retreats, learn the value of competition and skill development at sports camps, and are honored for academic achievement during Student Appreciation Night.

We are helping these wonderful kids make fundamental, posi-



**Gov. Bill Anoatubby**

tive differences in their lives.

Though our tribal Head Start early childhood education program, we are working with pre-elementary children in a comprehensive development program. Kids who complete the Head Start curriculum have a greatly enhanced opportunity to succeed — and excel — in their school years ahead.

Head Start offers a safe and nurturing environment in which

children can develop academically, socially and personally. Each child is important, and activities are tailored for each student's individual development level. Head Start is precisely that — the head start young children use to launch into a satisfying school career.

We also reach students outside the traditional institutional boundaries. Our Boys and Girls Club program has reached hundreds of both Indian and non-Indian children. The Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Clubs offer exceptional after-school programs and activities that provide structure and channel youthful energy into positive results.

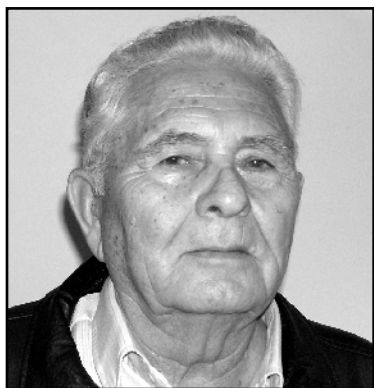
Throughout the Chickasaw Nation, we honor Chickasaw and other Indian elementary, junior high and high school students through the Governor's Honor Clubs. Students who receive all

A's, or all A's and B's, receive a gift certificate, a certificate of recognition and t-shirt. Honor Club students also participate in planned social and activities.

Near Kingston, Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Children's Village will soon be completed. This facility offers a welcoming boarding environment for Indian students from many tribes. The Children's Village is built on a community concept where teamwork, academic achievement and personal growth are prized.

We believe our children want direction and guidance. It is one of our most important tasks to lead them gently, yet convincingly, onto the path of success and self-fulfillment.

Our children truly are our most precious resource, and our tribe reflects that thinking each and every day.

**WWII Lighter-Than-Air 'K-ships' kept eyes out for subs**

**Marion Whitfield**

While Marion Whitfield never achieved his dream of piloting Navy planes, he logged more than 1,200 hours flight time in one of the most effective, but least celebrated naval units of World War II.

As a crew member of a Lighter Than Air K-ship (blimp), Mr. Whitfield spent those hours escorting convoys of ships loaded with troops, equipment and supplies up and down the west coast.

Constantly watching for enemy submarines, the crew was always ready to protect the convoy.

Although manning the .50-caliber machine gun was his primary duty, Mr. Whitfield learned the piloting and navigation skills necessary to bring the blimp to the home base and land it if necessary.

"I had a pilot who was real nice to me. And he let me learn how to fly those things," said Whitfield. "He'd be sitting at the other control. The elevator had a wheel here on the side of the chair you sit in. And the other chair was there was just like a steering wheel right or left guiding it.

"They only had one wheel to land and take off. One wheel. You have to learn how to keep it level, so when it sits down it's balanced on that one wheel."

No small feat for a craft twice the size of the Goodyear blimp seen at many sporting events.

Mr. Whitfield's crew never encountered an enemy sub, but he felt confident that under the right conditions the crew would be up to the challenge.

"I personally think we could have made a good showing if we caught a submarine going down or just coming up," said Mr. Whitfield.

That seems somewhat of an understatement considering the capabilities of the 250-foot long "K-ships."

Two large Pratt & Whitney engines gave the blimps a top speed of more than 70 miles per hour, so they could easily outrun an enemy sub. They also had the ability to hover and blast

their target with armor piercing rounds from the .50-caliber machine gun or drop up to four depth charges if necessary.

Enemy officers must have also respected the defensive capabilities of the K-ships. Subs rarely attacked convoys after the implementation of blimps, and they never lost one of the more than 89,000 ships they escorted during the war.

Prior to the implementation of the Lighter-Than-Air (LTA) program, Japanese and German submarines menaced the U.S. coast line.

Japanese subs roamed the Pacific coast, even going so far as attacking oil derricks off the California coast in February 1942. German U-boats sank more than 400 vessels off the Atlantic Coast the same year.

To counter the German and Japanese attacks on Navy and merchant ships, the Navy quickly expanded LTA operations in the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, drastically reducing the loss of ships.

With several bases along each coast, the K-ships escorted convoys of ships from Mexico to Canada on the west and from the Caribbean on the east.

Flights of 16 hours or more

were common for the crew as they escorted convoys from Los Angeles to the Oregon coast.

Despite the long hours, Mr. Whitfield enjoyed the duty.

"It was kind of interesting," he said. "I really liked it because that was the nearest thing I could get to flying (airplanes). And I really liked it."

Many times the crew would fly home late at night, often under blackout conditions.



**World War II blimp**

"We've been four or five hundred miles out at sea when it became dark and we'd turn around and go back," Mr. Whitfield said. "The coastline was all blacked out, except for one lighthouse down around Monterrey someplace.

"When we'd get in close enough we could see that thing as it turned around and that light would flash. At night time all the

lights we had on were small pinpointed blue lights so we could read the instruments. If you had a normal light, it would show for miles."

Even though there were two men assigned to each job, crew members also had to be able to take over any post at any time. That required competence with radar, radio, navigation, and weapons systems.

"There were two men for every job. One of them would sleep and the other one was on duty," Mr. Whitfield said. "We had bunks in the back that folded down. Two men at a time could sleep. When they'd say it's my time to go to sleep, I'd just get in that bunk and I'd be almost asleep by the time I hit the sack."

Although Mr. Whitfield was the designated cook for the nine-member crew, he didn't exactly guard that position jealously.

"If the guys wanted to fix their own meal, I'd let them, because I didn't care too much about cooking," he said. "It's hard to cook sandwiches and stuff like that with a hot plate. That's all we had."

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*



## Progress of building projects signals good growth



**Linda Briggs**  
Chairman  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Recently we had a rare happening in the Chickasaw Nation - a real, honest-to-goodness

snow! Inches of it! It was beautiful and did not last long so we did not have to deal with all the contingent circumstances of our fellow Chickasaws who live in the parts of the United States where snow and its usual icy accompaniments are regular happenings. The snow and the wintry scenes it created reminded me that spring and new growth are not far behind.

The Legislature had lunch with Governor Anoatubby the other day and we were updated on the status of many of the ventures of our nation. We passed resolutions approving various projects and then a great deal

of work from many people is necessary to bring the projects into reality and it seems to me it is much like shoots and sprouts coming up from seeds and bulbs previously planted.

The Wellness Center at Ada is definitely nearing the "bloom-ing" stage of its growth and it will be a beauty to behold - a very useful beauty, I might add! The clinic at Purcell is also growing well. The Children's Village at Kingston (in the area of Lake Texoma) is a magnificent result of much positive, progressive thought and planning. And certainly conducive to the caring, nurturing energy

which will be expended there. Also about to burst to wondrous fruition is the Diabetes Center adjacent to Carl Albert Hospital. Long needed, it is a heartfelt tribute to all those of our citizens who deal with this dreadful disease.

The Legislature continues to pursue many progressive avenues, starting in the committees and continuing on to our general sessions. We recently approved more fine tuning to the election rules and also voted to acquire more property. We stand proud of our increased land base and the opportunities of continued growth the properties allow.

We all are watching carefully and working diligently to encourage the enactment of legislation on both state and federal levels that will not inhibit our progress and we ask that each of you do the same. Also, be watchful that legislation which removes and destroys our birth rights is not enacted. Contact your representatives when you feel concerns.

Take care and May God bless each of you.

Linda Briggs



## Tribal land base growing, citizen meetings helpful



**Dr. Judy Goforth Parker**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Greetings Chickasaw citizens. We are indeed living in an exciting time for the Chickasaw Nation. I recently had the opportunity to visit with Chickasaw citizens in Oklahoma City. They invited me to share with them information about how the Land Development Committee works. Though I have written about this in *the Chickasaw Times* on numerous occasions, a face-to-face visit provides opportunity to do so much more. I took sample copies of the types of resolutions that our committee reviews.

As you know, those usually come in the form of land acquisitions, acceptance of land, and the variety of different lease types that are usually jointly held by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nation. We have voted on several resolutions lately that are for donations of

land to the Chickasaw Nation. Providing these copies allowed me to do more of a show-and-tell type of presentation. We also looked at maps of Ada and Tishomingo where several land purchases have occurred. The campus ground around the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters has been added to over the years as we have continued to build our land base here in the Pontotoc District. Once again, the actual map helped us to see what our land holdings around the Headquarters look like. The purpose for this is to allow us to expand our offices and other facilities in the direct vicinity of the Headquarters. I am hoping that the area will one day be encircled by a walking trail.

Though I have not written about diabetes lately, it is still on my mind. I am always encouraging you to keep on walking and help to prevent diabetes or prevent the complications caused by hyperglycemia. The new Diabetes Center will be opening soon, and that is an update you can look forward to in a future publication.

I must let you know that Chickasaw citizens are working hard to bring about positive changes. One such citizen is Betty Smith, from the Oklahoma City area. Betty has worked tirelessly to have a bridge crossing on Highway 4 between Tuttle and Mustang named for her ancestor, Ben Pikey. The

story is wonderful, and we will have Betty write an article for *the Chickasaw Times* when her project is complete. With the help of Betty Smith and the State Legislature, we are hoping to have the bridge named Pikey's Crossing.

I continue to receive calls

and e-mails from many of you. Thank you for taking the time to either call or write. Get your walking shoes out. Spring is coming, and it is time to get out and walk. You are always on my mind. E-mail me at [jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu](mailto:jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu), or call 580-332-3840.

Sincerely, Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaw Legislator  
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

### 2002-2003 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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## November 2003 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 21-030

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority

Brian Campbell

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Campbell is filling the seat vacated by Mr. Guy McElroy, filling the remainder of Mr. McElroy's term which would have begun on October 1, 2003.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resource Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 21-031

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County

Explanation: This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from Mega-Bingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games, described as: Part of the SE/4 of Section Nineteen (19) and Part of the SW/4 of Section Twenty (20),

all in Township Nine (9) South and Range Two (2) East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 18 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-032

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in McClain County

Explanation: This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from Mega-Bingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games described as: A tract of land located in the SW/4 of Section Two (2), Township Nine (9) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 44.546 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian

Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-033

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County

Explanation: This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from Mega-Bingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games, described as: A tract of land located in the SE/4 of Section Nineteen (19), Township Nine (9) South, Range Two (2) East, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 20 acres, more or less.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-034

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Bryan County

Explanation: This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from Southern Aggregates LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, described as: Part of the NE/4 and Part of the SE/4 in Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 7 East, and Part of the

NE/4 in Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 7 East, containing approximately 60.0 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright

*See Resolutions, page 31*

### Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



**D. Scott Colbert**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature Business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

## Enhancements in health care, providers coming on line



**Mary Jo Green**  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! The

committee met of Feb. 9 and received an informative report from Bill Lance, the Health System Administrator. Mr. Lance answered many questions from the legislators regarding health care services in the Chickasaw Nation.

The new Diabetes Clinic in Ada is almost ready for occupancy. The clinic will open for business soon and grand opening ceremonies are scheduled for late March. Diabetes is rampant among Indian people and we need the clinic desperately. Construction on the Purcell clinic is progressing on schedule. The facility should be completed by September and all personnel staffed and open for business

by October 1, the beginning of Fiscal Year 2005.

All vacancies in dental clinics at Carl Albert Hospital and the outlying clinics are filled. If you have a dental emergency, the Tishomingo Clinic may be able to address emergency dental needs before the Ada Clinic.

Good news for the Women's Clinic! Dr. Richard McClain, Ob Gyn specialist, has accepted a position at Carl Albert Hospital. Dr. McClain will be full time at the clinic and Drs. Whiting and Jenkins will sharing duties to fulfill another full time position. Therefore, two doctors will be on duty at all times.

Construction of the Healthy Lifestyles facility in Ada is pro-

gressing slower than expected and it is now projected to open in May or June. The healthy systems business office expansion is progressing well and two vacancies on the Governing Board will be filled very soon. Excellent feedback has been received regarding Dr. Whitley and the Ardmore eye clinic.

Important information regarding referrals! Patients must be pre-approved for any service provided by an outside service provider if the health system is to pay for the service. Also, a patient with a need for any service that is provided by our health system will not be referred to an outside provider.

The committee is continuing

its needs assessment regarding independent living, assisted living and nursing home care for elders and the disabled. I will report the results when the assessment is completed.

As always, I invite any comments or questions you may have. Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times*. I look forward to speaking with you!

May God bless our health care providers and also our Indian people that they may be in better health in the coming year. Thank you.

# Campbell named Chickasaw Enterprises CEO



**Brian Campbell**

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Enterprises, the principal business entity of the Chickasaw Nation, has named a new chief execu-

tive officer.

Brian Campbell assumed CEO duties at Chickasaw Enterprises Feb. 1. Campbell will oversee growing tribal business operations that include retail, manufacturing, gaming, media, motel and entertainment elements.

"Brian brings a wealth of experience and energy to our business operations," Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We look forward to building our commercial growth with Brian's leadership."

Campbell, 38, replaces David Hatton, who served eight years as Chickasaw Enterprises CEO. Hatton's tenure was marked by rapid expansion of tribal busi-

nesses and revenue growth.

"This is a tremendous time to be a Chickasaw," Hatton said. "Governor Anoatubby has developed an exceptional business plan and followed it up with hard work. Our tribe now enjoys the benefits of performing businesses and quality political leadership."

Campbell, a Chickasaw, has served in a number of capacities with the tribe. He most recently served as the tribe's economic development director. Previously, Campbell has managed the tribe's treasury division, division of commerce and administrative services division. He has also administered the tribe's Indian Community Development Block Grant program.

Campbell serves on a number of Chickasaw Nation boards including Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., and Chickasaw Nation Tax Commission. He also serves on the Tribal and Federal Joint Water Funding Task Force.

"It is a great privilege to serve the Chickasaw people as chief executive of Chickasaw Enterprises," Campbell said.

"All of us who work for the Chickasaw Nation appreciate the responsibilities with which we are entrusted. Governor Anoatubby has clearly expressed our mission - to conduct our businesses and our programs with integrity, and to serve our people faithfully."

Campbell holds bachelor's degrees in business administration, biology and education, all from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He is currently completing a master's degree in business administration.

Chickasaw Enterprises generated \$59.1 million in net revenues during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2003. Recent projects include construction of a gourmet chocolate manufacturing plant in Pauls Valley, and an expansive gaming center on I-35 near the Oklahoma-Texas border. A family entertainment center, hotel and convention center are currently under construction in Ada.

## Peacemaking program emphasizes cultural traditions

# Tribal judiciary fulfilling role as Indian court



**Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred**  
Supreme Court Chief Justice

Halito:

This has been an exciting year for our Judicial Department. We have a full court with Supreme Court Chief Justice, Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, Sulphur, Oklahoma, and Supreme Court Justice, Mark Colbert, Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Supreme Court Justice, Barbara Smith, Newcastle, Oklahoma, receptionist, Amber Bunyard, Ada, Oklahoma. District Judge, Aaron Duck, Sulphur, Oklahoma, Judicial Clerk, Connie Tillery, Ada, Oklahoma, Court Advocate, Dustin Rowe, Tishomingo, Oklahoma and District Court Clerk, Wayne Joplin, Ada, Oklahoma.

On January 1, 2004, the Chickasaw Nation assumed jurisdiction from the BIA CFR Court and moved into the CFR building located at 1500 Coun-

try Club Drive, Ada, Oklahoma. We have been remodeling and furnishing the District Court since that date. We are painting, recarpeting, retiling, and landscaping the site.

We have already received over 400 files from the CFR Court and they are still coming. The Chickasaw Nation District Court held its first Court Docket on January 8, 2004. Child Support dockets will be held on the last Wednesday of every month. The first child support docket was on February 25, 2004. Beginning on March 1, 2004, the Court will have a civil docket, for status conferences and motions on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Criminal and Juvenile matters will be heard every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. The second and third Wednesdays are open for trials, to be set by the Judge. Numerous cases and motions have been filed since the court has opened. The number is expected to increase dramatically over the next month due to the number of persons that have met with Court Advocate, Dustin Rowe, and with Bud Scott, a paralegal with the Oklahoma Indian Legal Systems. Due to the case load, it is highly likely that we will need to increase the docket dates to two times per week very soon.

The Supreme Court is now

located at:

124 East Main, Suite 11  
Ada, OK 74820  
(580) 235-0281  
Fax: (580) 235-0284

The District Court is now located at:

1500 Country Club Drive  
Ada, OK 74820  
(580) 235-0279  
Fax: (580) 421-6404

As you can see, we have had a busy year in preparation of the opening of the Chickasaw Nation District Court. We currently have received a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice,

Bureau of Justice Assistance and the project is called "Chickasaw Nation Tribal Court Enhancement and Implementation Project." The Chickasaw Nation is planning to build a justice center for the citizens.

The Judicial Department is in the process of setting up a traditional peacemaking Court. The Peacemaker Judges will play a pivotal role in not only resolving conflicts, but also, bringing cultural traditions to the Judicial System and leading participants to a stronger cultural base. We are looking for people who are

up to the task. The Supreme Court will be talking with the citizens of the Nation as the Court develops.

We have been working with multi-media to re-work the Judicial web site, if you have a chance please view the web page at [www.Chickasaw.net](http://www.Chickasaw.net).

We in the Judicial Department are honored and privileged to serve the Chickasaw people.



## Specializing in needs of Indian home seekers

## Bank2 adds Indian mortgage specialist

OKLAHOMA CITY - Bank2 has become the first Native American Bank in the country to hire a Native American mortgage specialist for the specific purpose of meeting the housing needs of Native Americans.

"As a Native American bank, owned by the Chickasaw Nation, we believe one of our greatest purposes is to meet the financial needs of Native Americans" said Ross A. Hill, president/CEO of Bank2. "This need is most evident among Native Americans in the area of home loans." "We are taking aggressive measures to meet these needs by establishing an entire department whose purpose is to specifically meet

the mortgage needs of Native Americans."

Angie Little, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation with more than 10 years of banking and mortgage lending experience, is leading the new department established by Bank2.

"I couldn't be more excited about what this means for Native Americans Ms. Little said. "There are many lending programs available to Native Americans that aren't being utilized. My goal is to raise awareness of these home buying programs among Native Americans and help them see their dreams come true." "I went to college on a Native American scholarship.

Thank goodness someone made me aware of that program. It is the same with home loan programs for Native Americans. The money is available, and we are going to do our part to make sure Native Americans, like me, take full advantage of the opportunity."

Ms. Little referred to at least two lending programs that are useful for Native Americans, HUD 184 and OHFA programs. Under the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) program monies have been set aside to meet the housing needs of Native Americans.

According to Ms. Little, qualifying for the loans are much

easier than conventional or FHA loans. Plus, the loans are 100% guaranteed by HUD. Bond programs through the Oklahoma Housing Financial Authority provide Native Americans with three percent of their loan amount for a down payment and closing costs.

Plus, Native Americans enjoy lower loan rates and the combined advantage of the HUD 184 program. Unlike Bank2, not all lenders have been approved to provide HUD 184 and OHFA loans.

"Since one of our primary focuses is on Native America, we see this as a necessity at Bank2," Ms. Little said.

"At Bank2, we are always looking for ways to meet the financial needs of Native Americans. With the addition of Angie Little to our team and our strategy to serve Native America with our mortgage lending services, we are well on our way to accomplishing our vision," Hill added.

Bank2 is a growing \$52 million full service financial institution headquartered in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned by the Chickasaw Nation. To learn more about Bank2 log on to [www.bank2.biz](http://www.bank2.biz). A photo of Angie Little is available by contacting Ross A. Hill or may be downloaded from the Bank2 web site.

## Net assets top \$170 million; cash position continues strong

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw

Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the past year or the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Some year-end adjustments have not been made.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending January 31, 2004

## Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$3.6 million for the month and \$12.6 million for the year which includes a special transfer for \$2.5 million from enterprise for culture center construction.

Expenditures for the month were \$1.4 million and \$5.8 for the year to date which is slightly less than budget. Expenditures

for construction of fixed assets total \$ 140,000 for the month and \$1.2 million for the year to date. Current expenditures for fixed assets are included in fixed assets.

## Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$89.8 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$35.2 million for the year to date and was bet-

ter than budget. Expenditures for fixed asset were \$3.5 million for the month and \$13.5 million year to date.

## Statement of Net Assets

At January 31, 2004, the tribal government funds had \$31.7 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$5.2 million is in the BIA Trust fund and \$13.5 million is reserved for construction projects approved by the legislature.

The businesses had \$40.6 million in cash and investments of which \$12.0 million is for accounts payable and \$22.7 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of January 31, 2004, tribe operations had assets totaling \$183.0 million with \$12.0 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$171.0 million compared to \$142.7 million at the beginning of the year or an

CHICKASAW NATION  
Tribal Government  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
For the Month Ending January 31, 2004  
For the Year Ending January 31, 2004

Revenues  
Transfer from Chickasaw Enterprises  
Total for the month

Expenditures  
General Government  
Education  
Health  
Housing  
Motor Fuel Settlement Funds  
Investment Income  
Gaming Revenues  
Sales Tax  
Tobacco Tax  
Travel Plazas  
Total for the month

CHICKASAW NATION  
Tribal Government  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
For the Year Ending January 31, 2004

Revenues  
Transfer from Chickasaw Enterprises  
Total for the year

|                                     | For the Month | For the Year | Total        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Revenues                            | \$3,600,000   | \$12,600,000 | \$16,200,000 |
| Expenditures                        | \$1,400,000   | \$5,800,000  | \$7,200,000  |
| Net Income                          | \$2,200,000   | \$6,800,000  | \$9,000,000  |
| Transfer from Chickasaw Enterprises | \$2,500,000   | \$2,500,000  | \$5,000,000  |
| Total                               | \$4,700,000   | \$9,300,000  | \$14,000,000 |

|                                     | For the Month | For the Year | Total         |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Revenues                            | \$89,800,000  | \$89,800,000 | \$179,600,000 |
| Expenditures                        | \$13,500,000  | \$13,500,000 | \$27,000,000  |
| Net Income                          | \$76,300,000  | \$76,300,000 | \$152,600,000 |
| Transfer from Chickasaw Enterprises | \$12,000,000  | \$12,000,000 | \$24,000,000  |
| Total                               | \$88,300,000  | \$88,300,000 | \$176,600,000 |





**Gracie Mae and Serenity Lee-ann Gothard** turned three years old on Nov. 30, 2003. They celebrated on Dec. 6, 2003 at Buncombe Creek Baptist Church.

The theme of the party and the two birthday cakes were "Care Bears." Ice cream, punch and

finger foods were served. The miracle twins graciously accepted twins.

Parents of the birthday girls are Roxanne Shaw and Jeremy Gothard of Harker Heights, Texas. Grandparents are Rocky and Georgia (Brown) Shaw of Shawnee, Okla., and Gary and Linda Gothard of Buncombe Creek. Great-grandparents are Roger Shaw and Laura Pipkin of Oakland, the late Ezekiel Brown and Caroline Krebbs of Tishomingo, Okla., Gil and Ann Gothard of Buncombe Creek, and Glen and Jane Carmen of Muskogee, Okla.

Aunts, uncles, cousins and friends were present, wishing the twins a happy birthday.

The twins are Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee.

Their father is in the United States Army out of Fort Hood,

**Ben McGuire** will celebrate his 16th birthday on March 25, 2004.

He is the son of Wanda and Mark McGuire, Benton, Ark. His grandmother is Rosie Postoak, Allen, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Pauline Walker, Ada, Okla., and William Postoak.



**Ben McGuire**

## Nichols' celebrate 59th



**Bob and Mary Nichols**

Bob and Mary Lou Nichols recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary at their home with family and friends.

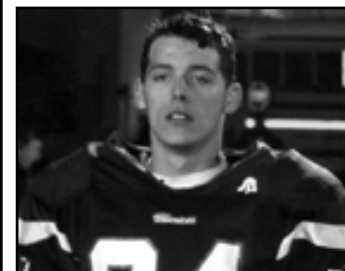
The couple were married Feb.

while both were in the United States Coast Guard. Bob was on anti-submarine warfare and Mary Lou was a teacher/instructor for the women in the coast guard.

They have three children, Sandy Strickland, Pauls Valley, Okla., Barbara Tolleson, Broomfield, Colo., and Cindy Smith, Mustang, Okla.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Bob is the son of original enrollee Joe B. Nichols.

## Chickasaw grid star doing well on field, in class



**David Dexter**

David Dexter completed a successful 2003 season at Metro Christian Academy, Tulsa.

On the field, David, a team captain, had 206 tackles. He led the Metro Patriots and placed second in the state for tackles.

He was chosen Fox 23's "Athlete of the Week" during the high school play-offs. His coaches agree that David's leadership and work ethic were key reasons why the Metro Patriots won the 2A-6 District Title.

He was recognized for his accomplishments by being selected as All-District linebacker for the second year in a row and being selected as the Patriot's Defensive MVP for 2003. *The Tulsa World* identified David as an All-State Honorable Mention on defense.

Off the field, he maintained a 4.0 GPA for the fall semester and contributed to the Patriots' winning the 2003 2A State Academic Championship.

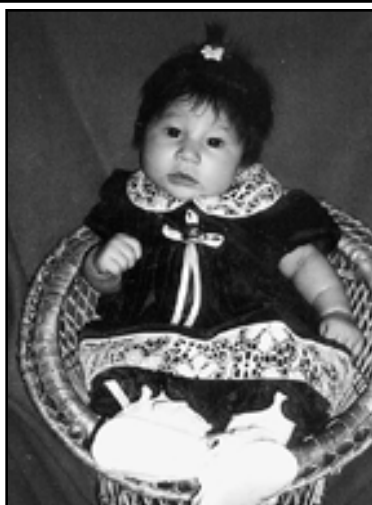
## Births



**Jonathan Martin Cheadle**

Jonathan Martin Cheadle was born October 8, 2003, in Stuart, Florida. He weighed 6 lbs, 14 oz. and measured 20 inches. He is the son of John Martin and Ana Cheadle, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; the grandson of Robert Martin and Darlene Cheadle, Ada, Okla., Johnna Cannon, Port St. Lucie and Elier Alfonso, Miami; great-grandson of Overton Martin (Buck) and Helen Cheadle, Ada; and great-great-great-grandson of Martin V. Cheadle, Milburn, Okla.

Both his great-grandfather and great-great-great-grandfather are in the Chickasaw Hall of Fame. Johnathan Martin is the first baby to be born in his generation of Cheadles.



**Lauren Paige Key**

Lauren Paige Key was born Dec. 8, 2003 at Carl Albert Hospital, Ada, Okla.

She weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs., and measured 19 inches.

She joins a sister, Sydney Decker, 5.

Proud parents are Summer Decker and Josh Key, Sulphur, Okla.

Maternal grandparents are Allen and LoElla Jones, of Sulphur. Paternal grandparents are Marla and Roy Key, of Ada.



**Jordan David James - Kerby**

Jordan David James - Kerby was born Sept. 26, 2003 at Southcrest Hospital, Tulsa.

He weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and measured 19 1/4 inches.

He is the son of Jdanna James and the grandson of Dewayne and Franceil James and Scott and Annette Jeffers.

He is the great-grandson of the late Helen Cravatt James and Hershel James. He is the great-nephew of the late Kathy Simmons and Jimmy James.

Jordan David was named after his uncle, Rocky David James.



**Caitlin Mary Hays**

Caitlin Mary Hays was born Feb. 9, 2004 at 8:25 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs., and measured 19 inches.

She is the daughter of Greg and Kara Hays of Meridian, Miss., and the granddaughter of Phil and Trish Hays of Hot Springs, Ark. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Lillian Fowler, formerly of Pauls Valley, Okla., and Mary Helen Hays of Wynnewood, Okla.

Caitlin's father, Greg, worked for the Chickasaw Nation in 1988 while he attended East Central University, Ada, Okla. Greg also has a son, Phillip Alexander Hays of Klamath Falls, Ore.

## Riverside School seeks assistance

Riverside Indian School in Anadarko is seeking people to work in school dormitories and other areas of the campus.

Riverside is a historic Indian school with enrollment of Indian children from many different tribes. These students need positive interaction and the school needs good people to fill these positions.

for more information, contact school superintendent Don Sims at (405) 247-6670,



## Price recognized with Molly Pitcher award



**Tina Price gets assistance from her husband, Capt. James Price, III with the Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher. Mrs. Price was recognized for her outstanding support of soldiers and their families.**

Tina Price of Lawton, Okla., was recently recognized with the "Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher" by Colonel Richard C. Longo at the First Infantry Division Artillery's Annual Saint Barbara's Day Ball.

Mrs. Price was recognized for her outstanding support of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, First Battalion, Sixth Field Artillery Regiment (HHB, 1-6 FA). Mrs. Price's tireless efforts and dedication to the battery's more than 100 soldiers and their family members as the Family Readiness Group Leader has contributed to the continuing success of the battery. Her efforts help create a family atmosphere for the single soldiers who are often away from their homes for the first time and allow the married soldiers to know that their family members will be well taken care of while they are deployed away from Germany to the Iraqi desert in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mrs. Price has also volunteered over a thousand hours of her time to various groups and agencies in the Bamberg Community.

The Honorable Order of Molly Pitcher recognizes women who have voluntarily contributed in a significant way to the improvement of the Field Artillery Community.

Mrs. Price and her husband, Capt. James H. Price, III, U.S. Army, have three children, Alexandra, 10, Nicholas, 8, and Kaytlyn, 7.

### Pauls Valley Council meets first Tuesday

The Pauls Valley Chickasaw Council meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. Watch the local papers for time and location. The March meeting was on March 2. The April 6 meeting will have a cultural program. All Native Americans are invited to attend and have "Dutch treat" supper with the group. The latest announcements and events will be discussed.

Dance classes will be started soon, as well as men's singing and Loksi rattle making.

For more information, contact Pauline Rodke 405-484-7219.

## Cubs advance in Pinewood Derby



**Miko Cain Ott, left, and Mikael Poe**

Chickasaw cousins Cain Ott and Mikael Poe competed in the Cub Scout Pine Derby Race, Feb. 5, 2004.

Cain placed first in the meet and Mikael place third, which allows both boys to advance to the district meet, March 13, 2004 to be conducted at East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Cain is the son of Lisa Ott and Chris Ott.

Mikael is the son of Alan and Shawna Poe.

Both boys are the grandsons of David and Sharon Poe. They are the great-grandsons of full-blood Chickasaw Leona Wilson and full-blood Cherokee the late Jack Wilson.

## 'Its About Money'

### Special program for Indians buying homes in Indian country appealing



**J.D. Colbert**

**By J.D. COLBERT**

Thank you for your great interest in the HUD-184 mortgage loan product. We received a very large number of phone calls and inquiries from our readership on this borrower friendly home mortgage product. I am pleased to report that we've already pre-qualified many potential homeowners. I'll be even more pleased when more of you apply.

If you are looking to purchase a new home or if you are looking to refinance your existing mortgage on your present home, you should consider using the HUD-184 mortgage loan program available from Bank2.

You are eligible to apply for this mortgage if you are an enrolled member of a federally-recognized tribe and you reside in or want to purchase a home in a tribal jurisdictional area. If you are uncertain as to whether you meet this geo-

graphic requirement, feel free to contact either Angie Little or Anna Carr at 405-946-2265 and they can let you know if you'll be eligible.

Some of the more attractive features of the HUD-184 mortgage product that will interest you include:

- Low down payment
- Flexible underwriting
- Damaged credit ok
- No credit scoring
- Fixed rates for 30 years
- Loans to 150% of FHA
- No max income limits
- Refinancing available

I encourage you to call Angie or Anna today to apply. The application process is so easy that in most cases it can be done over the phone. Again, that number is 405-946-2265 or you can write to them at Bank2, 909 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK 73108 Attention Mortgage Department. Call or write today while interest rates are especially low.

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## Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training



**April 12 - 15, 2004**  
**Pontotoc Area Vocational School**  
**Ada, Oklahoma**  
**NHTSA**

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
 For information or to register please contact: Mark Brewer (580) 272-2059; fax (580) 436-4648; mark.brewer@chickasaw.net  
 32 hour Technician Certi-

*Four receive 20-year awards***Chickasaw Nation recognizes employees for service**

ADA, Okla. - Forty Chickasaw Nation employees were honored for their years of service during a February awards ceremony at the McSwain Theater.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby personally presented awards to employees with 10, 15 and 20 years of service to the tribe.

Employees with 20 years of service received a commemorative clock and pin. Those with 10 and 15 years of service received a pin to honor them for service to the tribe.

"We are proud to recognize these dedicated and diligent employees for their work on behalf of the Chickasaw people," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Monette "Lynie" Richardson, Jana Harrison, Terry Factor and Haskell Alexander were honored for 20 years of service.

Gina Brown, Weldon Fulsom, Rita Loder, Sharon Johnson, Darrell Walker, Rhonda Priddy,

Nelson Wisdom, Michael Hightower, Carol Williams and Cindy Langford were honored for 15 years of service.

Curtis Bond, Jay Keel, Shonda MaCollister, Christine Lewis, Ladawn Wainscott, Lillian Wainscott, Sherri McManus, Donna Graham, Fred Lyda, Mike Dunn, Linda John, Sandra Wasson, Lori Hamilton, Mike Coplin, Debra Lindsey Tiajuana John, Glenda Alexander, Davalyn Billings, Roger Stone, Kevin Postoak, Bobby Stone, Emiel Byars, Jacky Underwood, Larry Wyche, Lisa Wolf, Alta Mapp, Dorislene Morgan, Sherri Ellis, Carol McCurdy, Stanley Foster, Rebecca Puller, Scott Renes, Perry Payne, Glenda Wilson, Tillie Benson and Tricia Wood were honored for 10 years of service.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*



Gina Brown, Weldon Fulsom, Rita Loder, Sharon Johnson, Darrell Walker, Rhonda Priddy, Nelson Wisdom, Michael Hightower, Carol Williams and Cindy Langford were honored by Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel for 15 years of service.



From left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, 20-year employees Haskell Alexander, Terry Factor, Jana Harrison, Monette "Lynie" Richardson, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.



Curtis Bond, Jay Keel, Shonda MaCollister, Christine Lewis, Ladawn Wainscott, Lillian Wainscott, Sherri McManus, Donna Graham, Fred Lyda, Mike Dunn, Linda John, Sandra Wasson, Lori Hamilton, Mike Coplin, Debra Lindsey, Tiajuana John, Glenda Alexander, Davalyn Billings, Roger Stone, Kevin Postoak, Bobby Stone, Emiel Byars, Jacky Underwood, Larry Wyche, Lisa Wolf, Alta Mapp, Dorislene Morgan, Sherri Ellis, Carol McCurdy, Stanley Foster, Rebecca Puller, Scott Renes, Perry Payne, Glenda Wilson, Tillie Benson and Tricia Wood were honored by Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel for 10 years of service.

### Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:

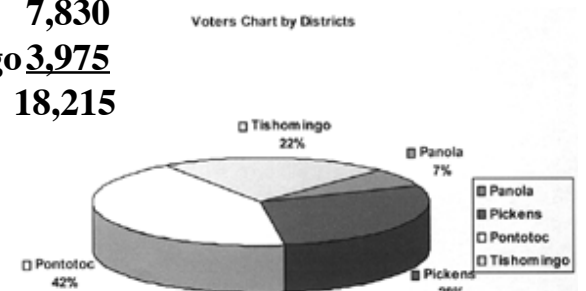
P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821

(580) 310-6475; (580) 310-6474 Fax; Toll Free 1-888-661-0137

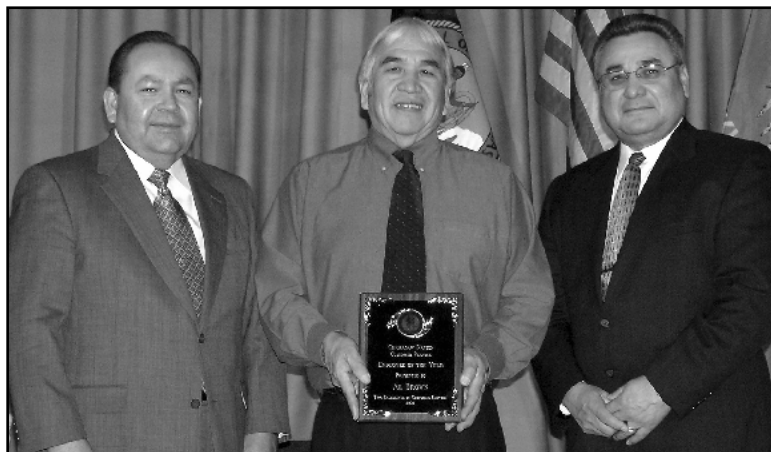
Chickasaw.net then click government.

### Count of voters by district

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Panola</b>     | <b>1,195</b>  |
| <b>Pickens</b>    | <b>5,215</b>  |
| <b>Pontotoc</b>   | <b>7,830</b>  |
| <b>Tishomingo</b> | <b>3,975</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>18,215</b> |



## Al Brown named tribal 'Employee of the Year'



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, right, flank Chickasaw Nation "Employee of the Year" Al

Al Brown, a maintenance worker at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center, was chosen from among the tribe's more than 4,000 employees to receive the Customer Service Employee of the Year award.

"It is a pleasure to honor Al Brown for his positive attitude, excellent team work, and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty," said Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "His desire to always provide the very best service possible sets an excellent example for all our employees."

In nominating Mr. Brown for the award, Jay Keel, Education Services administrator, wrote "Al is always smiling and happy. He conducts himself in the highest professional manner. He is always courteous to all customers and co-workers."

"All of the children ask for

him every day if he is not at the front desk when they arrive or go home. He shows a genuine interest in the children and mutual respect for each person that walks through the front doors.

"Al is always genuine and friendly. He is always willing to offer help. He not only does his job, but fills in wherever needed and lends a helping hand without being asked. He is as dependable as clockwork. He arrives early, stays late and comes in on weekends to ensure the best possible environment for the children. From safety to eye appeal, he takes care of everything."

"Al always has a positive attitude, even when his day isn't going so good. His actions show he takes pride in the staff, the facility, the children and the families we serve."

## Native American Junior Golf Camp applications avail-

The 2004 Native American Junior Golf Camp is set for May 31 through June 4 at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Resort in Kingston, Okla.

"Native Traditions - Desire, Dedication, Determination, Discipline & Dreams" is the theme for this year's camp. The golf camp has in the past been very popular with young Chickasaw golfers.

The first camp, May 31 through June 2, is for beginning and intermediate junior golfers. The second camp, June 2 through June 4, is for advanced junior golfers.

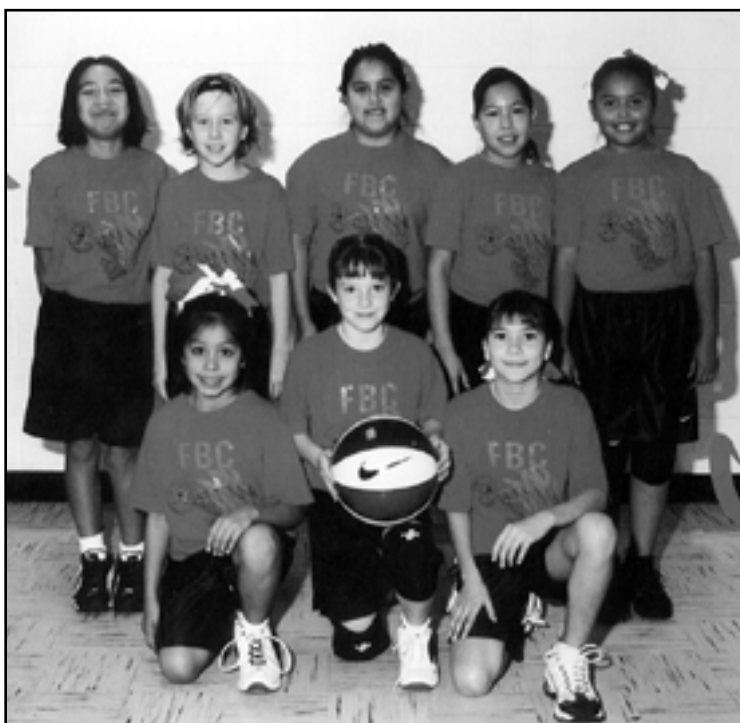
Deadline for applications is

April 16, 2004. Submission of application does not guarantee selection to the camp. All selections are made by the Junior Golf Core Team.

For more information, contact Shannon Campbell at Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services, (580) 310-6620 or shannon.campbell@chickasaw.net or contact Scott Wingo at Chickasaw Nation Human Resources, (580) 436-2603 or scott.wingo@chickasaw.net

The Native American Junior Golf Camp is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation.

## Ada Lady Sooners have great season



Team members are back row from left, Misselda Tiger, Kylee Boydston, Rebekah Downing, T'ata Roberts, Amber Coody. Front row from left, Halley Taylor, Raven Fargo and Kristen Kettle.

The Ada Lady Sooners, a basketball team consisting of third and fourth grade girls went undefeated in the 2003-2004 season of the Ada Boys & Girls Club league and the Ada First Baptist Church league.

We are very proud of these girls and would like to congratulate them for their effort and good sportsmanship they showed during the season.

"Way to go Lady Sooners"

The Lady Sooners are coached by Keith Taylor, Herman Coody, Micheal Roberts and Bobby Boydston.

Team members are Misselda Tiger, Kylee Boydston, Rebekah Downing, T'ata Roberts, Amber Coody, Halley Taylor, Raven Fargo and Kristen Kettle.

## Military honors presented

### *Honor Guard embodies pride in service*



Front row from left, Bill Frazier, Warren Reed, Jimmy James, Bennie John, Bill Quincey and Sim Greenwood. Back row from left, Will Johnson, Mike Reed, Bob Ross, Mark Puller, Bernie Seeley and Jim Perry.

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard is a non-profit organization whose members are Native American veterans.

The Honor Guard's first and foremost priority is to provide full military honors for deceased veterans. The Guard also participates in

opening ceremonies at powwows, parades, dinners and other functions.

The unit has won many ribbons at parades and also many gifts in appreciation of the services they performed.

A very proud ladies auxiliary helps and supports every Honor

Guard member in all their endeavors.

For more information or to request the services of the Chickasaw Honor Guard, please call Lura at (580) 436-2603 or Mike at (580) 436-3523.



# Chickasaw citizen performs chaplain duties in Florida prisons



**Dr. William McCutchen**

The Florida Department of Corrections has called Dr. William N. McCutchen to be one of the two senior chaplains at Lawtey Correctional Institution,

the nation's first faith-based prison.

Florida Governor Jeb Bush launched the first-of-its-kind prison on December 24, 2003. Lawtey houses over 800 inmates with approximately 33 different denominations and religious preferences, including Native American.

Since coming to the Department of Corrections in 2001, Dr. McCutchen has provided and coordinated religious ceremonies for Native American inmates in several prisons within the Florida

Department of Corrections.

Dr. McCutchen is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. He has studied various Native American cultures. He has served as treasurer and is the current president of the Board of Directors for First American Culture and Education Preservation Association, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the values and cultural identities of America's indigenous peoples. He carries the People's Sacred Pipe for that inter-tribal Native American organization.

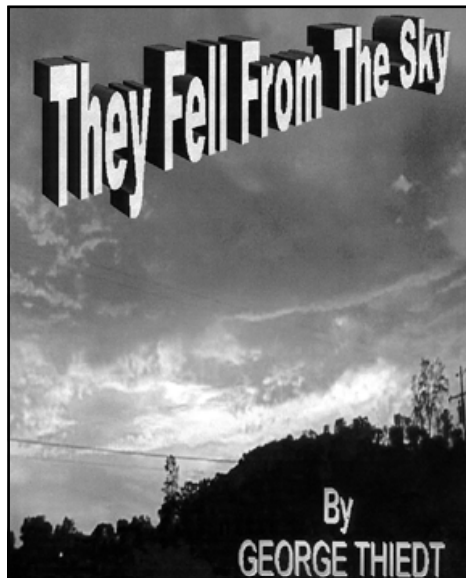
Dr. McCutchen is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has served in a variety of ministries including youth ministry, Christian education, and pastor of congregations in Kansas, Missouri, and Florida. He also has served as Associate Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida. He has had a distinguished career with over twenty-five years of pastoral experience. He has also served as a hospital chaplain and now as a prison chaplain.

Dr. McCutchen's educational degrees include a bachelor of arts from Phillips University, Master of Divinity from the Graduate Seminary of Phillips University, and Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. His doctoral dissertation was on volunteerism.

Dr. McCutchen and his wife of 35 years, Mary B., have a 24 year-old daughter, Sara. They reside outside of Archer, Florida.

## 'They Fell From The Sky'

*Chickasaw author pens science fiction thriller-*



keep these primitive people safe from any dangers from space. Only one rule, ... DO NOT interfere with their evolution. This mission will continue until they evolve to a point that contact can be established.

During the tens of thousands of years of monitoring, certain elements on the spacestation become involved with the people on the planet and all kinds of

problems ensue. To add to the these problems, the Olaunders, on the spacestation, have an encounter with unknown space travelers. The travelers came to the planet when they detect nuclear explosions on the surface of the planet.

This novel ends with a monitoring ship crashing, and the crew being captured, at a location called Roswell.

Leaving an opening for the next, three books in this series...DISINFORMATION, CONTACT, and THE REUNION.

The book is authored by Chickasaw George T. Thiedt of Valley Springs, Calif. He has a wife, four children and four grandchildren and is the grandson of the late Margaret Drake.

It all starts millions of years ago in a distant galaxy, on a planet named Olaun. Scientists identified a potential collision of two large objects in a solar system some twenty light years away. They send a science team to observe, but they were destined not to return.

The leaders on Olaun send a rescue mission to recover their people. The team arrives only to find their people have devolved into a primitive people where survival is their only concern. Asteroids from the collision are striking the planet; the people are doing well just to survive. Adding to the problems of rescue, the people have been fruitful and multiplied.

The rescue team, disappointed, returns home. Olaun has deployed an elaborate monitoring station. Their mission, monitor and

# Native American Career Tech Day



**Darrell Walker shows students employment services available from the Chickasaw Nation during Native American Career Tech Day at Pontotoc Technology Center.**

ADA, Okla. - More than 140 students from several area schools took part in Native American Career Tech Day hosted by the Chickasaw Nation at the Pontotoc Technology

Center.

Russ Peak delivered a motivational presentation designed to teach students that "anything is possible if you put your mind to it."

Students from several area technology centers made presentations on several available programs, including business information technology, health sciences and aviation maintenance.

Jannice Williams explained several choices for financing a technical education, including state and federal grants as well as scholarship programs available through the Chickasaw Nation and the state of Oklahoma.

Kerri Nixon spoke to students about using certain technology center classes for "free" college credit.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Carter students visit art museum



**Victor Hoag, Rainey Alexander and Helen Hoag admire "Cattle of Holland" painting during the Carter Seminary trip to Oklahoma Museum of Art.**

## Monetathchi and Hawkins earn CERT instructor certification



**Dusk Monetathchi, left, and a team member carry a "victim" out of tower during CERT training in Oklahoma**

Team members enter a pitch black, smoke-filled tower intent on finding and rescuing any

survivors they might find in the building.

With the only light in the

staircase coming from small flashlights attached to the helmets of team members, they feel their way up the stairs to find what may be waiting in rooms above.

Suddenly, the team leader's walkie-talkie crackles and a voice informs him there are survivors on the floor above.

Barely able to see through the thick smoke, the rescue team spots one victim under a collapsed wall section and another lying against the adjacent wall dangerously near a live electric line.

After leveraging the wall section off the first victim, they use sections of four by four wooden posts carried up for just such an eventuality to support the wall as the victim is pulled to safety.

While two team members apply a splint to the first victim's

broken leg, two more work carefully around the exposed electric line to move the second victim, now in shock, out of harm's way.

With one team member pointing out each step along the darkened staircase, the others carry the two victims down and out of the building where a waiting triage unit will assess the injuries and ensure they receive the proper medical care.

That is the scene during the hands on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for light search and rescue operations at the Oklahoma City firefighter training facility.

Chickasaws Dusk Monetathchi and Larry Hawkins completed CERT instructor training Feb. 20 at the facility. Now they will bring that knowledge home to Ada where they will teach others the skills they have learned.

Training included classroom and hands-on instruction in disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue operations, CERT organization and disaster psychology.

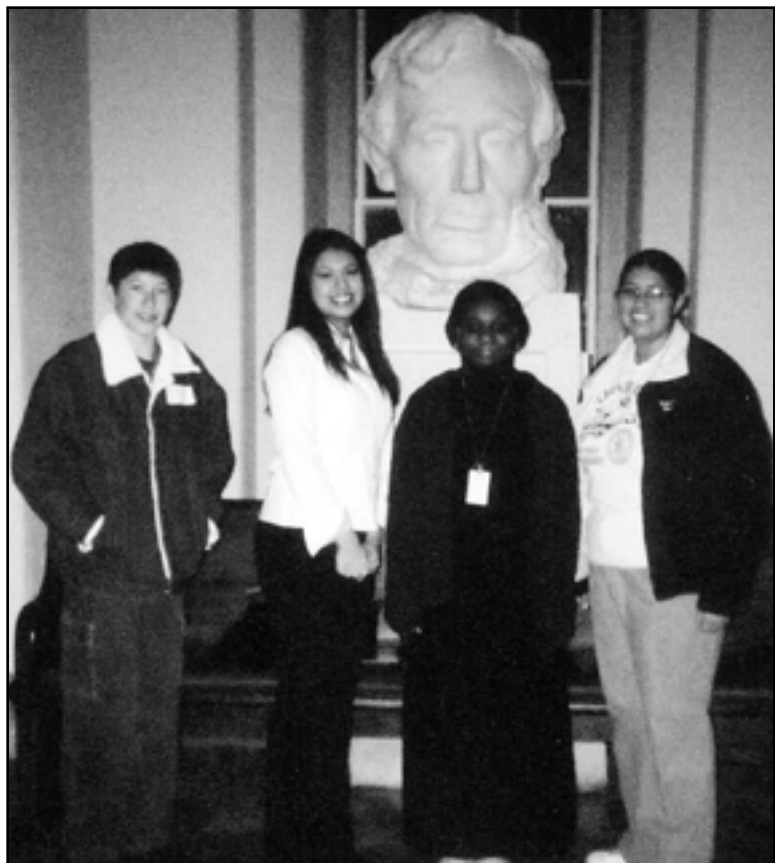
"We've trained more than 1,000 instructors at this facility," said instructor Larry Schaffnitt. "The idea is for each of those individuals to go back to their community and teach others the skills they have learned here."

Monetathchi, who serves as security guard at the Chickasaw Nation headquarters complex, said it made sense to train security personnel there.

"We are already familiar with the buildings on our campus, and it is almost certain a security guard will be on duty there should an emergency arise."

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Area students attend UNITY conference



**Tishomingo (OK) High School student Sasha Big Hair, left, and Byng (OK) High School students Jonah Puller and Latisha Stick, right, with Keri Nash, executive assistant to U.S. Rep/ Brad Carson (D-Okla.). Ms. Nash acted as the students' Capitol hostess during the recent UNITY mid-year meeting in Washington, D.C.**

Chickasaw students Jonah Puller and Latisha Stick, from Byng High School in Ada, Okla., and Sasha Big Hair, from Tishomingo (OK) High School, attended the United National

Indian Tribal Youth mid-year meeting in Washington, D.C. Feb. 11-15.

Mr. Puller and Ms. Big Hair attended as representatives of the Chickasaw Nation Youth

Council. Ms. Stick is an at-large representative on the UNITY executive youth council.

Representatives of more than 200 youth councils from 34 states and Canada worked to help set priorities and consider topics for this year's annual UNITY conference.

Topics considered include diabetes and health care issues, strengthening Native families, education, environment, technology, life skills, gangs, violence, fitness and cultural preservation.

While in Washington, Mr. Puller, Ms. Big Hair and Ms. Stick visited the offices of a number of elected officials, including U.S. Representative Brad Carson (D-Okla.).

UNITY was developed through the efforts J.R. Cook, a Cherokee from Oklahoma, and has grown from roots in a small group of Indian youth in southwestern Oklahoma more than 26 years ago into a national organization that serves more than 16,500.

Incorporated in 1976 as a non-profit organization to develop leadership among Native American youth, UNITY relocated its headquarters to Oklahoma City in 1978, where it is currently located in the E.K Gaylord Building.

## Youth have a blast at lock in



**From left, Norris Harley, Kelly Hawkins, Dannie Sue Davidson, Robby Boston, Latisha Stick, Skyler Parnacher, Darshelle Kendall, Jeri Underwood and youth services program coordinator Toni Pace (sitting).**

PURCELL, Okla. - Chickasaw youth participated in an "out-of-this-world lock in" Jan. 9-10, hosted by the tribal Youth Services department at the Purcell Multipurpose Building.

Nine youth participated in the annual event. The lock-in theme "Leap Into the Space Race," kept teams of three up all night competing in space-related games.

"The games were designed to make the teams use their brains as well as their brawn," tribal youth coordinator Mike Wingo said. "The youngsters overcame challenges and

learned close team work to earn points throughout the event."

Games included a complicated math problem, a uniform relay race, lunar volleyball, space supply list quiz and a mission control equipment design challenge. Kelly Hawkins, Autumn Thompson and Jeri Underwood accumulated the most points, claiming the championship. Everyone took home a t-shirt and prizes.

The youth were also treated to a midnight meal and snacks. The event which began at 9 p.m. concluded the following morning at 6:30 a.m.

## 2004 Senior Valentine's Day Kings and Queens crowned February 13 at Sulphur



**Achille King and Queen L.D. and Melba Love.**



**Ardmore Queens Nadine Lewis and Winnie McNeely.**



**Ada King Clark Cogburn and Queen Ginger**



**Madill King and Queen Loyd and Ella Ross.**



**Duncan King and Queen Loyd and Betty Bradley.**



**Pauls Valley King Lincoln Meely and Queen Carolyn Claxton.**



**Kullihoma King and Queen Richard and Wanda Russell.**



**Connerville King J.C. Poe and Queen Catherine Pendergraft.**



**Tishomingo King and Queen Hanna and Rick Corsello.**



**Purcell King Floyd Parnacher and Queen Shirley Duncan.**



**Sulphur Queens Lillie Ward and Etna Cooke.**

The coronations for each of the Chickasaw Nation senior sites Kings and Queens were February 13, 2004. The senior sites gathered for the coronations and lunch at the Murray County Expo Center, Sulphur, Okla.

### Letter to the Editor:

### Thank you Honor Guard

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the Honor Guard from the Chickasaw Nation for their participation in our family member, Ambrose Harvey's funeral service on February 2, 2004 in Wilson, Okla. His burial service took place at Simon Cemetery. Traveling this distance to serve on the Honor Guard for a fellow military man indicates the pride you have for your country. The flags flowing, the 21 gun Salute, the taps

playing and the folding of the American Flag were all very impressive. Bernie Seeley, Jim Perry, Bennie John, Bill Frazier, Sim Greenwood, Bob Ross, Warren Reed, Will Johnson, Bill Quincy, Jimmy James, Soloman Gantt, and Mark Puller will always be remembered for their unselfish deed.

The families of Ambrose Harvey

Harveys, McClendons, Smiths, Hulls and Shores

### Youth rally in Wewoka

The Fifth Annual New Creations Youth Rally 2004 is scheduled for March 18-20 at the Ministry of Life Church, 210 N. Oklahoma, Wewoka, Okla.

Ministries from Lawton, Tulsa, Tahlequah, Oklahoma City, Marble City and Seminole will be represented. Activities begin at 7 p.m. each night.

Music styles will include

praise and worship, rock, hip hop, rap, blues, contemporary and more. Refreshments will be served each night. The annual jam session will be on Saturday from 1:30 p.m. through 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Helen or Phillip at (405) 392-6905.



# Child Support Enforcement program providing for kids



**Jerry Sweet**

In June 2001 the Chickasaw Nation Child Support Enforcement program became the first tribal child support enforcement office in the country to receive direct federal funding. That year the program grew to eight employees and collected slightly more than \$700,000 in child support for Indian children in Oklahoma.

In 2003, the program's 53 employees in five separate units worked with dozens of tribes statewide and collected more than \$9.5 million in support payments.

While those numbers are impressive, there is another number that means much more to program director Jerry Sweet.

"We've helped 45,000 children this last year alone," said Sweet. "That's 45,000 children who got child support that never would have gotten it if not for our assistance."

Sweet explained that when the partnership for child support enforcement between states and the federal government was established in 1974, an oversight left states with no way to help Indian children with child support orders issued in tribal courts.

When Congress provided a remedy for that situation in 1996, the Chickasaw Nation Child Support Enforcement Office began operations as a state-funded entity with Sweet as the only employee.

"We had great faith that Jerry would work hard to help our children get the support they deserve," said Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, "Jerry has done a great job because he and his staff understand that child support is about much more than money. They work with entire families to help them realize how

important it is to provide the best possible environment for our sacred little ones."

Since the program was first instituted, it has seen not only tremendous growth, it has also been instrumental in helping many other tribes build programs of their own.

"States that won't talk to tribes about anything else, are now talking to them about child support and how to best serve the kids," said Sweet.

In addition to tribes working with states, seven other tribes from Washington to South Dakota are now receiving direct federal funding for child support enforcement. Those programs are modeled to a great extent after the Chickasaw Nation program.

"Governor Anoatubby has allowed me to work with tribes across the nation at any time," said Sweet. "We've been able to help other tribes and children. Our governor has always opened the door for any tribe or any tribal member who wants help. He won't turn them away because we want to make sure that every child is taken care of."

An important factor in the success of these programs is the role tribal courts play in the process.

"Native Americans, Indian people, are intimidated by the state system, but they're not intimidated by the tribal system," said Sweet. "They will come and talk with us and sometimes we have to sit them down and explain all the procedures and the legal problems and things. And once they get it, they're very receptive and say 'You're right. I need to take care of the responsibility.'"

Part of that comfort level comes from the tribal courts' ability to take Native customs, traditions and concept of family into consideration in ways state courts may not.

"I don't think I've ever heard the term 'extended family' used in tribal court," said Misty Gibney, director of the enforcement unit. "When an attorney tried to ignore the rights of a grandmother who had been raising the child involved in the court hearing, the judge said 'Hold on there, I don't know if you've looked

around or not, but you are in tribal court. This is that child's family. This is her momma. You can call her the grandmother, but this is her family.'"

Another factor in the program's success has been the empathy staff workers feel for their clients, and the ability to tap into other tribal services to offer additional help.

"They're not numbers to us," said Sweet. "They are actual people who are in hardships. There are circumstances that we may or may not be aware of until we actually connect with them. My staff actually takes the time

to work with them."

That may involve helping a non-custodial parent earn a GED through the tribe's education department, helping an unemployed parent find a job, or arranging counseling services to help parents deal with divorce and separation from their children.

"The thing about being divorced is they go through an attitude problem," said Sweet. "They get behind on their child support one month, for whatever reason. Then two months go by and three and the next thing they know it's a year, two years. And

in that time they feel guilty, so they don't see their kids. But that doesn't mean they quit loving them.

"What we try to do is refer them to mediation or some way to reconnect. Because sometimes it's just a matter of talking to the custodial parents and working something out so they can reintroduce themselves to them. I've seen big men cry, just seeing their child again, after thinking they're not going to see them until they're 18."

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Support collections sprint to \$9.5 million

When the Chickasaw Nation Child Support Enforcement (CSE) program began in 1996, Jerry Sweet was the only employee and total collections were less than \$10,000. Five years later, the office had five employees when it became the first tribal child support enforcement office in the country to receive direct federal funding in June 2001.

That year the program collected more than \$700,000 in child support for Indian children in Oklahoma. Collections in 2003 were more than \$9.5 million and Sweet expects to collect approximately \$10 million this year.

In order to help the program's 53 employees handle thousands of cases efficiently, work is divided among five units: case initiation, paternity and establishment, enforcement, Tribal Employment Placement Program (TEPP) and finance.

The case initiation unit is responsible for handling new applications to enforce child support orders, and for reopening previous cases when necessary.

Workers in the case initiation unit are responsible for verifying the case meets the necessary criteria to be handled by the Chickasaw Nation CSE. They verify that the non-custodial parent is a tribal member or tribal employee, or that a tribal court has issued a support order.

Workers in this unit are then responsible for entering all the

pertinent information into the Oklahoma Support Information System (OSIS), which allows authorized child support workers anywhere in the state access the case.

Once the information is entered into the system, workers in the paternity and establishment unit will determine whether legal paternity has been established. In cases where the alleged father denies paternity, a petition is filed in court requesting a paternity test.

If the judge grants the request, workers are prepared to take DNA samples immediately after the court appearance, while all parties are present. Samples collected by a simple, painless oral swab are then sent to an independent testing facility which usually returns results within six weeks.

Child support is then established according to legal guidelines.

After paternity and support have been established, workers in the enforcement unit do whatever is necessary to ensure support payments are made, from keeping track of the current address and place of employment of non-custodial parents to sending letters demanding payment of support or issuing income assignments (garnishing wages).

Two workers in the customer service unit, a sub-unit of enforcement, are designated to handle new information and requests received via email

through the OSIS. These workers concentrate on helping case workers keep track of the current address and place of employment of non-custodial parents. They will often issue demand letters and income assignments if necessary.

Non-custodial parents who do not respond to a demand letter may be summoned to court. In that case, the legal department, another sub-unit of enforcement, will prepare necessary documents and appear in court, where they may request the judge to order an income assignment (garnish wages), or take other steps, including revoking drivers licenses, or professional licenses, or possibly sentence the parent to jail time for contempt of court.

An unemployed non-custodial parent may be referred to the Tribal Employment Placement Program (TEPP) rather than being sentenced to jail time for contempt of court. Former Oklahoma Department of Corrections officer Barry Needham heads this unit, monitoring job search efforts, arranging job training and offering reminders that the option to finding employment may be jail time.

The finance unit works with enforcement to deal with accounting issues. Finance workers keep track of payments and correct any inaccuracies, as well as freezing accounts or seizing assets if necessary.

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# Gov. Anoatubby named to Special Trustee Advisory Board



**Gov. Bill Anoatubby**

Special Trustee for American Indians Ross O. Swimmer recently announced the selection of Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby as one of nine new members of the 2004-2006 Special Trustee Advisory Board.

Gov. Anoatubby is part of a diverse group, including Osage Chief Jim Gray of Oklahoma, who will provide advice to the Special Trustee for developing a plan for proper management of approximately \$3 billion in Indian trust assets.

"It is a great honor to be selected to serve on this board," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Helping develop a plan for the efficient and effective management of these assets is a tremendous responsibility I take very seriously."

Currently, the Office of Special Trustee maintains approximately 1,400 accounts for 315 Tribal entities with assets exceeding \$2.5 billion, and more than 285,000 Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts with assets of approximately \$480 million.

Tribal trust funds generate more than \$800 million income annually, while IIM accounts generate more than \$300 million

income each year. This income is derived from the sale or rental of Indian-owned land and natural resources such as timber, and royalties from oil and natural gas exploration and production.

"With his successful leadership and business experience, Governor Anoatubby will provide a valuable perspective to the discussions of the Board as it contemplates advice for the implementation of current and future Indian trust reform projects," said Swimmer. "I also appreciate the personal commitment and willingness of Governor Anoatubby to serve on this important body to improve the federal government's management of Indian trust assets."

The need for trust reform gained national attention after Eloise Cobell, a Blackfeet, filed a class action suit against the U.S. Department of Interior for mismanagement of IIM accounts in 1996.

Reform has become a high priority for the Department of Interior since U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth said in a landmark decision issued in 1999 that the funds had been "historically mismanaged" from the time they were first established in 1887.

Lamberth also affirmed individual Indian beneficiaries' right to a full accounting of "all funds" from the beginning of the trust in 1887, and the need for reform of the trust system.

The position of Special Trustee for American Indians at the Interior Department was created by Congress in the 1994 Indian Trust Reform Act. The Special Trustee is charged with developing a plan for the proper management of oil and gas,

timber, ranch, and farm land, and other Indian trust assets that Interior holds and manages. The Special Trustee ensures that the policies, procedures, practices, and systems of Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minerals Management Service, and Bureau of Land Management related to the discharge of the Secretary's trust responsibilities are coordinated, consistent, and integrated. The Special Trustee will account for the daily and annual balance of all funds held in trust by the United States for the benefit of an Indian tribe or individual Indian. The trust currently contains assets of approximately \$2

billion. The Special Trustee has direct fiduciary responsibility for these assets.

The mission of the office of the Special Trustee is to provide oversight, reform and coordination of the policies, procedures, systems and practices used by various agencies to manage Indian trust assets. This mission is integrally related to the Department of the Interior's goal of meeting its responsibilities to American Indians, according to a release from Interior.

The goals of the Special Trustee include:

1. to protect and preserve Indian trust assets and collect

and accurately account for income due beneficiaries;

2. to obtain agreement with all Tribal and individual Indian account holders on the balances in their trust accounts in a manner that is fair to both the Indian community and the general public, does not impair or impede reform efforts, and does not result in reductions in Indian programs; and

3. to provide timely and responsive customer services to account holders.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Kingston students on Governor's Honor

Kingston (OK) JOM Native American students have been named to the Governor's Honor Club for the first semester.

Elementary students with all A's include: Daniel Shipp, Garrett Schulze, Deranda Beasley, Chance Teeter, Taylor Henry, Kacy Brooks and Dakoata Gorrell.

Students with all A's and B's include: Ciera Cox, Zach Alpin, Cannon Bridgeman, Caleb McDonald, Helen Haag, Ethan Gorrell, Jalen

Howard, Brandon Wolf, Jennifer Culbertson, Shalinda Howard, Skylar Alexander, Chlor Spence, Dustin Herriman, Brooklyn Delozier and Kaleigh Wilkins.

Middle school students with all A's include: Reva Nail, Aldon Neeley, Devin Lemons, Acacia Burris, Hunter Hampton, Kaitlyn Whatley, Lindsey French, Dalton Gorrell and Ashley Henson.

Students with all A's and B's include: Casady Kelsey, Erika Sandefur and Victor Haag.

High school students with all

A's include: Taylor Anderson, Christopher Taylor, Sabrina Johnson.

With all A's and B's: Ethan Cox, Alana Fernandez, Ewing Floyd, Kristopher Leckie, Chris Buckaloo, Marcus Cruz, Dugan Jones and Krysta Lollis.

The Chickasaw Nation recognizes all honor students, regardless of tribal affiliation, with Wal Mart gift certificates, certificates and t-shirts.

## Plainview students on Governor's Honor

Plainview (OK) JOM students were recently recognized for the Chickasaw Governor's Honor Club.

All A's: Kaitlin Aldridge, Jessica Bean, Allison Biddick, Jonathan Fisher, Julia Roberts, Rachel Williams, Chelsea Aldridge, Brett Stidham, Melody May, Abigail Hattensty, Lauren Bruton, Taylor Rawson, Jade Southerland and Tyler Thompson.

A's and B's: Cole Craddock, Jamy Hamilton, Chris Powell, Hollie Henson, Timothy McReynolds, Kristen Noland, Jamie Vladyka, Crystal May, Kathryn Stromberg, Ian Campbell, Madeline Williams, Loren Felts, Josh Hartman, Haleigh McKinzie, Dylan Mitchell, Gray Campbell, Tyler Farve, Ethan Hartman, Amber McWhirt, Charity Schofield, Jordan Volina, Jeff Biddick,

William Hamm, David Kittrell, Morgan Baker, Savannah Burchett, Emily Knight, Amber Lampkin, Cohen McKenzier, Sam Waters, Kourtney Ross, Jessica Ryan, Haley Todd, Max Waters, Megain Gaines, Curtis

Gray, Devin Hartman, Corissa Lee, Jacey Robertson, Taylor Royal and Shay Tieman.

Students achieving all A's receive a gift certificate for \$25. Those achieving A's and B's receive \$10 gift certificates.



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## Opposition group fears tribal water authority

# Caddos request designation of culturally significant waters

After a Caddo Nation request to have certain waters in southeastern Oklahoma recognized as "culturally significant" was recently denied, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board has proposed deleting language providing for the designation.

Administrators with the OWRB say the original intent of the designation was to set higher water qualities for certain waters than Oklahoma might now require. The Caddo Nation request, however, was made to preserve historic and cultural sites, according to Tribal Historic Preservation representative Robert Cast.

"The Caddo have a lot of burial sites in southeast Okla-

homa, especially in McCurtain, Leflore, Choctaw County, in that area. The Kiamichi area is very important to Caddo history," Cast said. "The Caddos are not going to try to institute a bunch of regulations and environmental controls over the water."

Brian Campbell, chief executive officer of Chickasaw Enterprises, said the designation is "something that is important to many of our citizens and something we feel we can work with the state to resolve."

According to the OWRB summary of proposed rules, the revision is being considered because "this designation has never been made for any waters, and the current language has

caused confusion and uncertainty among interested persons."

Many of those who are opposed to the rule equate the designation with the Environmental Protection Agency regulation that authorizes the EPA to treat Indian tribes as states for certain types of grant awards and and program authorization.

One argument is that individuals, businesses and municipalities will have to negotiate a maze of regulations if each of the 39 tribes in the state adopted its own standards.

"The people that (object to the rule) are using scare tactics to say these tribes have too many rights and there will be eight different sets of regulations for

these waters depending on what jurisdiction the tribe has over these waters, which is ridiculous," Cast said. "Most tribes, for one, would readily say that EPA regulations are clearly enough. I know the Caddo kind of look down on more regulations."

While the OWRB delayed amending regulations to delete the designation in their Feb. 10 meeting, the issue is still on the agenda.

Those supporting deletion

of the designation include the Oklahoma Municipal League, the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association, the Oklahoma Rural Water Association and the Oklahoma Municipal Utility Providers.

The Chickasaw Nation, the Wyandotte Nation and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation oppose deleting the rule.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## CNI purchasing Marietta factory

MARIETTA, Okla. - An agreement between the Chickasaw Nation and Siemens Dematic will give some workers at the Marietta plant the opportunity to return to work within weeks.

Chickasaw Nation Industries Inc. (CNI), a federally-chartered company owned by the Chickasaw Nation, is purchasing the plant as part of the tribe's long-range diversification plan.

"We believe it is a very good investment for the tribe, and we recognize it comes at a very critical time for Love County and the people displaced by the plant's closing," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

The land and equipment purchased by the CNI will remain on the county tax rolls.

While CNI is expected to resume plant operations soon, officials say rehiring may be slow

because it will take some time for manufacturing contracts to be obtained.

Some workers will be given the opportunity to return to work soon, and more will be added as business increases.

Current plans are to continue manufacturing specialty equipment and components from raw steel.

Siemens produced parts for airport baggage systems and heavy-duty load conveyors. The plant also manufactured ergonomic carts for the U.S. Postal Service.

CNI has 8(a) minority status, which brings a potential 10 percent bid preference on federal contracts.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Indian women to meet in April

The Heart of American Indian Women's Network will conduct its Annual Conference on April 26 - 27, 2004 at the Westin Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City. The conference will include sessions on Economic Development, and Political and Cultural issues.

The Heart was founded by Dr. Bette Haskins (Cherokee) in 1987 by and for the American Indian women leaders across the nation.

For information and registration forms contact Mevelyn Kirkpatrick at (580) 436-1460 or email at mknanny11@tds.net.



## SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!

We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. Please send a photo with you special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

We need to receive these by **March 22, 2004**. Please send to: **The Chickasaw Times, c/o Pride and Joy, 107 South Constant, Ada, OK 74820.**

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# Arts in education program promotes cultural diversity



Trina Jones, arts in education specialist, works with students from Dickson (OK) Public Schools as they fulfill the art objectives of the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS).

## Special exhibit set

## Students produce 'Being Chickasaw' photo composite

ADA, Okla. - Art students in the Chickasaw Nation have been armed with cameras and instructed to capture moments illustrating life as a Chickasaw for an upcoming photography exhibit to celebrate National Youth Art Month. The exhibit premieres in March hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities, 815 N. Mississippi in Ada.

Students participating in the after school arts program, a facet of the arts in education program, have been busily snapping photos they feel represent and illustrate the theme of "What Being Chickasaw Means to Me."

Children, aged nine to 18, were given disposable cameras donated by the division and instructed by Laura Stewart, arts in education manager, and Trina Jones, arts in education specialist, to take pictures representative of life as a Chickasaw - where we live, work, play and pray.

Those photographs were developed by the division and each student designated photos they felt were their best work and most illustrative of the assignment.

"We were able to make the celebration an art lesson as well as each student learned about the basics of camera operation and photography," Mrs. Stewart said. "We then discussed the best aspects of the photos, in

some cases suggesting alternate choices, and those photos will be enlarged, matted and framed."

Students will then experience the thrill of seeing their photos displayed in a month long exhibit.

"We wanted to find a special way to share the wonder of art with the children," Lona Barrick, division administrator, said. "We decided to help them experience this form of self expression from start to finish and reward their efforts with the exhibit."

Youth Art Month is an annual observance emphasizing the value of art education for all children while encouraging support for quality school art programs. The month-long observance provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are fostered through experience in the visual arts.

"Art is the mirror of our past and the roadmap to our future," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Self expression translates to gains in self esteem. This event prepares youth for a lifelong appreciation and understanding of the artistic process."

"The society our Chickasaw youth will be entering and shaping requires both physical and philosophical vision. We must prepare them to meet all the challenges ahead."

Students sit at tables, concentrating as they create and shape a project from concept to reality. They will develop multicultural awareness, use critical thinking and sharpen imaginative problem solving skills as they take part in one facet of a program known as arts in education.

Administered by the recently created Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, the program has provided art instruction to schools within the 13-county service area of the Chickasaw Nation since 1999 by offering technical assistance and resource information about Native American art. The program also fulfills the art objectives of the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS).

"We want to share the beauty of Native American culture in a way that can be passed on to others," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "This program enables our tribe to teach non-Native Americans the history, dimensions and artistry of Indian peoples."

"In turn, when that knowledge is passed on, we not only break down the barriers of stereotypes," Gov. Anoatubby said, "we also share culture, wisdom and a respect for diversity."

Lead instruction is conducted by arts in education manager Laura Stewart, an eight-year veteran and certified art instructor who possesses a master's degree in education. Education is also provided by Trina Jones, arts in education specialist, who holds both an associate's art degree as well as a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and arts.

"Even though I encounter students and educators of varied cultural backgrounds, many of them lack knowledge about their culture," Mrs. Stewart, a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, said. "I felt compelled to integrate the Indian culture into classrooms through art."

By emphasizing that cultural differences are identities to be preserved and celebrated, not overcome, the program illustrates how differences can be bridged.

"Educators help students feel valued on a cultural level," Mrs. Jones said. "This enables students to develop self-direction and cultural pride as they interact with their educators and

peers."

Besides providing the community with art instruction and the development and facilitation of educator workshops, the program also offers the after school art program.

Students develop valuable skills as they prepare themselves to enter a world that requires both physical and philosophical vision. In doing so, the students discover a basic human truth - the need for expression through art.

"In this day of budget cuts and staff reductions, the arts are often pushed aside to make room for other concerns," Mrs. Stewart said. "However, art enables each of us to find that inner spark and stir our emotions as we discover what life has to offer."

For information about the arts in education program, call Laura Stewart or Trina Jones at (580) 421-7712.

## Chickasaw Election Commission

### Seats open For General Election 2004

Pontotoc District; Seat 5

Pickens District; Seat 3

Panola District; Seat 1

Tishomingo District; Seat 2

Judicial; Seat 1

## THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2004 SCHEDULE

June 7-11 Candidate filing period (8:00 am-4:30 p.m. Election Secretary's Office)

June 15 Challenge to Candidacy ends

June 16 Drawing for position on ballot-Election Secretary's office, 10:00a.m. *Candidates may also pick-up label, printouts & diskettes*

June 18 Last day to submit photo and biography to "Chickasaw Times"

Press release for candidates, (news media)

July 19 Voter registration closes

July 20 Candidates may pick-up updated labels, printouts & diskettes

(After-12:00 NOON)

July 23 Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters

August 11 Last day to appoint watcher

August 17

2004 Chickasaw Primary Election

Last day to return ballots no later than 10:30 a.m.

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

### 2004 Election Schedule

August 17 Voter registration re-opens if there is no run-off election

August 20 End of protest period

October 1 Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm.

### RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE

August 24 Candidates may pick-up adhesive labels

August 30 Ballots mailed to all voters in run-off election districts

September 21 2004 CHICKASAW RUN-OFF ELECTION

Last day to return ballots not later than 10:30 a.m.

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

September 21 Voter registration re-opens

September 24 Recount period expires

October 1 Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm

*Tuition, fees, books and costs*

## Remembrance of Ahloso School



### Ahloso School

**This 1949 Ahloso School class picture was recently shared with the Chickasaw Times. We are told that Lee Frazier and Carmen Murray appear in the photo, but little else is known about those pictured or about the school. Sources say Ahloso School's three-room school house was used from sometime in the 1930s through the early 1950s. If you can identify any students in this photo, or have any additional information about Ahloso School, please contact Tony Choate at [tony.choate@chickasaw.net](mailto:tony.choate@chickasaw.net) or (580) 310-6451.**

by Joan Oakes Rutter  
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Ahloso School in 1939/40, '41, and '42 was a three-room school house with grades 1 and 2 in one room, grades 3,4, and 5 in another room and grades 6,7, and 8 in the third room. It was heated with coal-burning heating stoves in the center of each room. There were no bathrooms, only outside toilets, one for boys and one for girls. Our drinking water was from a cistern. Our school library was a closet about 3'x4' with shelves and about 50 books. I believe they were all fiction. At times we were given one of these books and told to take a couple of pages and write the words down the page (instead of across) and put the parts of speech for each word beside it.

Mr. E. L. Patterson was my teacher all three years in every subject. Mrs. West was the teacher in grades 3, 4, and 5 and lived in a house on the school grounds. She had chickens and they ran all over the school yard.

There were two softball diamonds, one of them served as a basketball court at times and I believe about a half-dozen swings. Lots of empty space and I've seen some long lines for "crack-the-whip."

On Saturday night a few times during those three years, they had a pie-supper or box-supper. The women or girls brought a

pie or box-supper and it was bid on by the men and boys. The highest bidder got to eat with the female who brought it.

I lived at what was called the "Ahloso Y" about 2 miles southeast of Ada where highways parted. Ahloso school was about a mile away. We walked to school most of the time on the highway or the railroad tracks. In very cold weather, sometimes

a neighbor with a car would take us.

About two years ago we went to the location where Ahloso was, but there is nothing but a field there now. If there is still an Ahloso school, it is located somewhere else.

*Editor's note: Ahloso, Oklahoma is located just south of Ada.*

## Tribe's Bank2 recognized as 'Business of the Year'

OKLAHOMA CITY - The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO) has recognized Bank2 as the OKC Chapter Business of the Year. Bank2 was honored at AICCO'S 2003 Annual Awards Banquet & Gala conducted at the Oklahoma City Westin City Hotel.

"We are truly honored to be the recipient of the AICCO Oklahoma City Business of the Year Award, Ross A. Hill, president/CEO of Bank2 said.

"We believe strongly in the goals and missions of The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma," Like AICCO, one of our primary purposes is to meet the needs of Native Americans.

Doing so is one of our greatest privileges."

Bank2 is recognized as one of the nation's fastest growing Native American banks having grown to a \$52 million full service financial institution in just three years. Bank2 is owned by the Chickasaw Nation and is headquartered in Oklahoma City.

The purpose of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma is to assist American Indian businesses to expand and grow their business. The Chamber actively supports and nurtures well-planned, long-term business opportunities for members by providing organized access to public sector agencies and private industry.

## April Children's Fair free, open to everyone

ADA, Okla. - Hundreds are expected at the Pontotoc County Agriplex next month in observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw Nation Health System and Pontotoc County Department of Human Services will host the 2004 Children's Fair April 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fair is free and open to children of all ages and professionals who have an interest in children and families, fair coordinator Deanna Carpitche said. Local businesses and community organizations will provide information on child abuse prevention and offer games and prizes for kids.

"We want the community to recognize that child abuse is a problem out there, but there are resources available to help," Carpitche said.

Fair coordinators are also asking area schools to get involved this year by making banners with a child abuse prevention message. Banners

must be dropped off no later than March 26 at the tribe's Youth and Family Services building, 222 Rosedale Rd.

The fair will also include a Baby Alumni and Birthday Celebration for all babies born at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada the previous year. CNHS customer relations representative Debbie Jackson is planning a Diaper Dash. Babies can compete in a crawling contest to win gold, silver and bronze medals.

The Chickasaw Nation and the Department of Human Services will also offer a two-day seminar on child abuse prevention for the first time April 22 and 23 at East Central University in Ada. The cost to attend is \$50 for professionals and \$25 for students.

For more information about the Children's Fair or Child Abuse Prevention conference, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 332-6345 or Angela Conner at (580) 436-2603.

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## ‘Tiny Warrior’ quick, enjoyable, motivating

D. J. Eagle Bear Vanas is a veteran Sun Dancer, a captain in the U.S. Air Force and successful entrepreneur who shares valuable insights on defining and achieving success in “The Tiny Warrior.”

This book expounds on principles Vanas dispenses as a nationally-acclaimed motivational speaker for clients including NASA, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Hewlett-Packard and hundreds of Native American tribes and nations.

While self-help books can often be a dry read filled with trite platitudes, “The Tiny Warrior” is a quick, enjoyable read that just happens to contain some very important truths.

A grandfather finds just the right time to enlighten his grandson, Justin, on the way to find the success and happiness the young man thinks is now beyond his reach.

Justin is at first cynical of the value of traditional wisdom meted out in “children’s stories” to his life in a modern world. But his frustration with a dead-end job and a life littered

with missed opportunities, combined with some good-natured ribbing from his “old, white-haired grandpa” persuades him to listen.

As the grandfather shares stories about tiny “Cricket,” who wanted very much to become a warrior, Justin sees parallels to his own life that lead him to rediscover and finally realize his childhood dreams.

At the core of the philosophy Vanas offers in the book is a definition of the term “warrior” that challenges the common perception.

“A warrior’s power lies in his heart, his character and his commitment to those he serves,” writes Vanas. “A warrior’s purpose involved developing his abilities to become an asset to his village. Today, that ‘village’ can be your family, community, campus, clients, coworkers - anyone you serve.”

To order “The Tiny Warrior” visit Amazon.com, Barnes&Noble.com or ask for it at your local bookstore.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## Chickasaw students study science at Disney World

SULPHUR, Okla. - A group of Sulphur High School students, including 10 Chickasaws, are heading to Orlando, Florida this month to learn about the science behind the

“Wonderful World of Disney.”

Students in the school’s honors science program will attend workshops in the Disney Education Series March 10-17.

“They will get to see the actual use of science in these workshops,” SHS gifted and talented advisor Joy Goodnight said.

Goodnight teaches upper division science classes at the high school. Students had to be enrolled in or have already taken honors biology or chemistry I to be eligible to go on the science trip.

Students will attend three workshops at Disney World and one at Sea World.

Marine Biology Career” will give students a look into what it’s like to train marine mammals. “Ocean Discoveries” will teach ecology preservation. The operations of roller coaster rides will be dispelled in “The World of Physics, Properties of Motion.” Finally students will learn about manatees in “Caring for Injured Marine Mammals” at Sea World.

Students will get to put their studies aside for two days of fun at Universal Studios.

A total of 55 students will attend the Disney Education Series. The cost per student is about \$1,000. Each student is responsible for \$750 of his own expense. Students have been working to raise the remainder of the money.

The Chickasaw Nation and OG&E also provided students with grants to cover a portion of

## HELPS scholarship applications due March

The Chickasaw Nation Youth HELPS scholarships are awarded to graduating Chickasaw seniors living within the Chickasaw Nation.

Students can apply for these \$250 scholarships by completing the application below and providing the attendant information.

In addition to the application, students must provide a copy of their CDIB and Chickasaw citizenship cards; an official high school transcript verifying a grade point average of 3.2 or higher; recommendation letter from superintendent or principal; typewritten, double-spaced autobiography; and typewritten, double-spaced 500-word essay regarding personal accomplishments, honor, awards, goals and community and tribal involvement.

HELPS scholarship applications and documentation are due by March 19, 2004.

Three scholarships per legislative district may be awarded during the April 22 Student Appreciation Night event. Both college and vo-tech scholarships may be awarded.

For more information, call the Department of Youth Services at (580) 310-6620.

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|  <b>the Chickasaw Nation</b><br>Division of Youth and Family Services<br>Department of Youth Services<br><small>224 Rosedale Road / Ada, Oklahoma 74820 / (580) 310-6620 / Fax (580) 310-6620</small>                                                        |                    | <b>Bill Anoatubby</b><br>Governor                                  |
| <b>Youth HELPS Program Scholarship Application</b><br>Application for: <input type="checkbox"/> College / University <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational-Technical Institution                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |                                                                    |
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| Parents / legal guardian:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |                                                                    |
| Attach a copy of your Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) and tribal citizenship card.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    |                                                                    |
| <b>Future Plans</b><br>College selected or school of choice:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |                                                                    |
| College major or field of interest:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                    | ACT or SAT score: (Please specify)                                 |
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| Applicant's signature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    | Date                                                               |
| Postmarked by Friday, March 19, 2004.<br>Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. To ensure that your application is complete please refer to the check sheet on the back of this form.                                                                                                                                             |                    |                                                                    |
| Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                    |                                                                    |
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## Chickasaw students recognized March 19

# 'Student of the Year' nominations being accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for Chickasaw high school students, athletes, musicians and artists of the year.

A total of 24 awards are available, as nominees will be accepted for male and female students completing their sophomore, junior and senior year in each of the four categories.

Winners will be selected by a seven member panel of Chickasaw Nation employees representing a cross-section of tribal divisions and departments.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel will present awards during Student Appreciation Night ceremonies 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22 at the Pontotoc County Technology Center in Ada.

The eleventh annual event is hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Education and the Department of Youth and Family Services.

Entertainment will be provided by tribal employee David Ballard and Chickasaw youth Kelsey Wingo.

For information or a nomination form, please contact Chris Wesberry at (580) 421-7711 or Toni Pace at (405) 527-6667.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

Bill Anoatubby  
Governor



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Division of Youth & Family Services  
224 Rosedale Road / Ada, Oklahoma 74820 / (580) 310-6620 / Fax (580) 310-6626 / deanna.kendall@chickasaw.net

### 2004 Student Appreciation Night Award Nomination Form

Nomination for: ☐ Grade 10 ☐ Grade 11 ☐ Grade 12

☐ Chickasaw Student of the Year

☐ Chickasaw Athlete of the Year

☐ Chickasaw Musician of the Year

☐ Chickasaw Artist of the Year

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Grade (current academic year): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Address, city, state, zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents / legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose the following:

- (1) Letter of recommendation from a school official
- (2) Student biography
- (3) Information on other awards, activities or accomplishments

**POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2004**  
Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. To ensure that your application is complete, please refer to the three points above.

## Chickasaw West gathering May 8

The Annual Chickasaw Gathering, sponsored by Chickasaw West, will be Saturday, May 8, 2004 at Santee Lakes, Santee, Calif.

The annual gathering brings together Chickasaws from across California, the West and other states.

The gathering begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and runs through 5 p.m. Lunch and beverages will be served from noon through 1 p.m. Organizers ask that you please bring a side dish to share.

There is an entrance fee of \$3 per vehicle. Parking is next to the picnic area. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs. There is a covered area in case of rain.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Santee Lakes is within one hour of several San Diego-area

attractions.

To get to Santee Lakes, take I-5 south to Hwy. 52 East to the Mast Blvd. exit. Go left at the offramp and under the freeway to Fanita Parkway. Turn right

on Fanita Parkway and drive to Carlton Oaks Blvd. Turn right to the entrance to the lake. Hwy. 52 goes up a mountain.

For more information, contact Sharon Tandy, (818) 985-8392.

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## Chickasaw West

Annual Chickasaw Gathering  
Santee Lakes, CA

Sponsored by Chickasaw West  
Saturday, May 8, 2004  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lunch and beverages served from noon to 1 p.m.

Please bring a side dish to share.

Entrance fee is \$3 per vehicle. Parking is located next to the picnic area.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Bring your lawn chairs, covered area is available for shade or in case of rain.

For more information contact Sharon Tandy, (818) 985-8392.

**Remember to receive (or update!) your Chickasaw citizenship card!**

Are you a Chickasaw citizen?

Most readers of this article would answer “yes.” However, your tribal government wants you to know that many

Chickasaws must update their citizenship, or are unregistered altogether.

“We want to help Chickasaw people get their citizenship cards, and get them involved

with tribal programs and services,” tribal government services director Gina Brown said.

“We have so much to offer, and we want each and every Chickasaw to have that important connection to their tribe.”

Becoming a Chickasaw citizen is an easy process. A one-page citizenship application and Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card are all that are required.

Ms. Brown said people often confuse the CDIB card with the citizenship card.

“The CDIB is provided through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is not a specific citizenship card,” she said.

“Chickasaws should have both the CDIB and tribal citizenship

card. They then have everything they need.”

An important part of updating your citizenship status regards moving. Whenever you move, Ms. Brown said, you must update your citizenship by filing a new application with tribal government services.

“This is very important because it is very simple, but people often forget,” Ms. Brown said.

Another important task by Chickasaw parents is to complete the juvenile citizenship application when a child turns 12. This establishes the child's Chickasaw citizenship and makes him eligible for all the youth, education and other programs offered through the

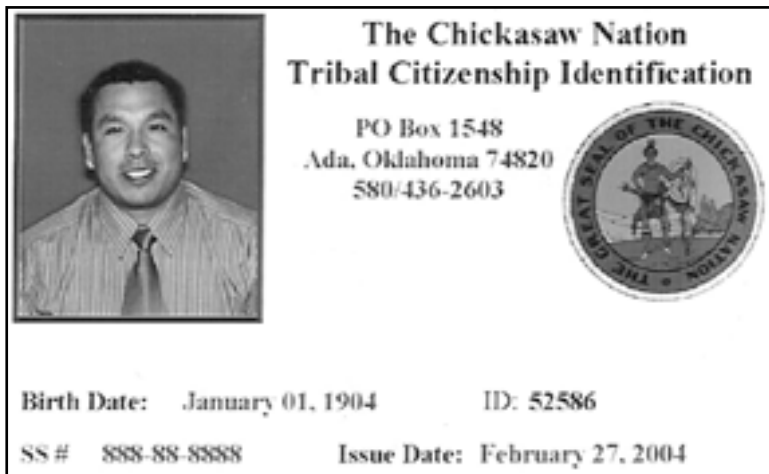
tribe.

When the youth turns 18, he completes a new citizenship form and becomes a tribal voter.

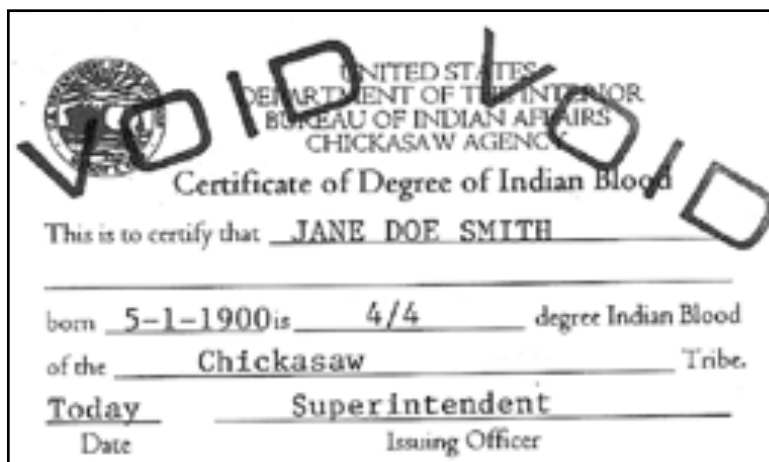
For Chickasaw citizens, many benefits await with the citizenship card. Scholarships, Chickasaw-specific health care programs, housing, education, nutrition and much more are available to citizens.

“It’s so easy, and we are here to help everyone who needs us,” Ms. Brown said.

For more information, contact the tribal government services office at (580) 436-7250. You can download citizenship applications by visiting [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net) and clicking on the “government” button.



**A Chickasaw citizenship card, above, and federal CDIB card, below, are two distinct and separate identifications that each carry unique properties.**



*Head Start teachers make presentation at local seminar*

ADA, Okla. - It takes a lot of creativity to keep the attention of a room full of youngsters.

Teachers at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start center in Ada seem to have what it takes. And they're sharing it with others.

Classroom assistants Becky Anoatubby and Rhonda Hughes were recently asked to make a presentation at a seminar for the Ada Early Childhood Association. The two demonstrated how to apply a theme to all areas of education.

Anoatubby and Hughes used the theme “A Campin’ We Will Go.”

“Camping is an activity that

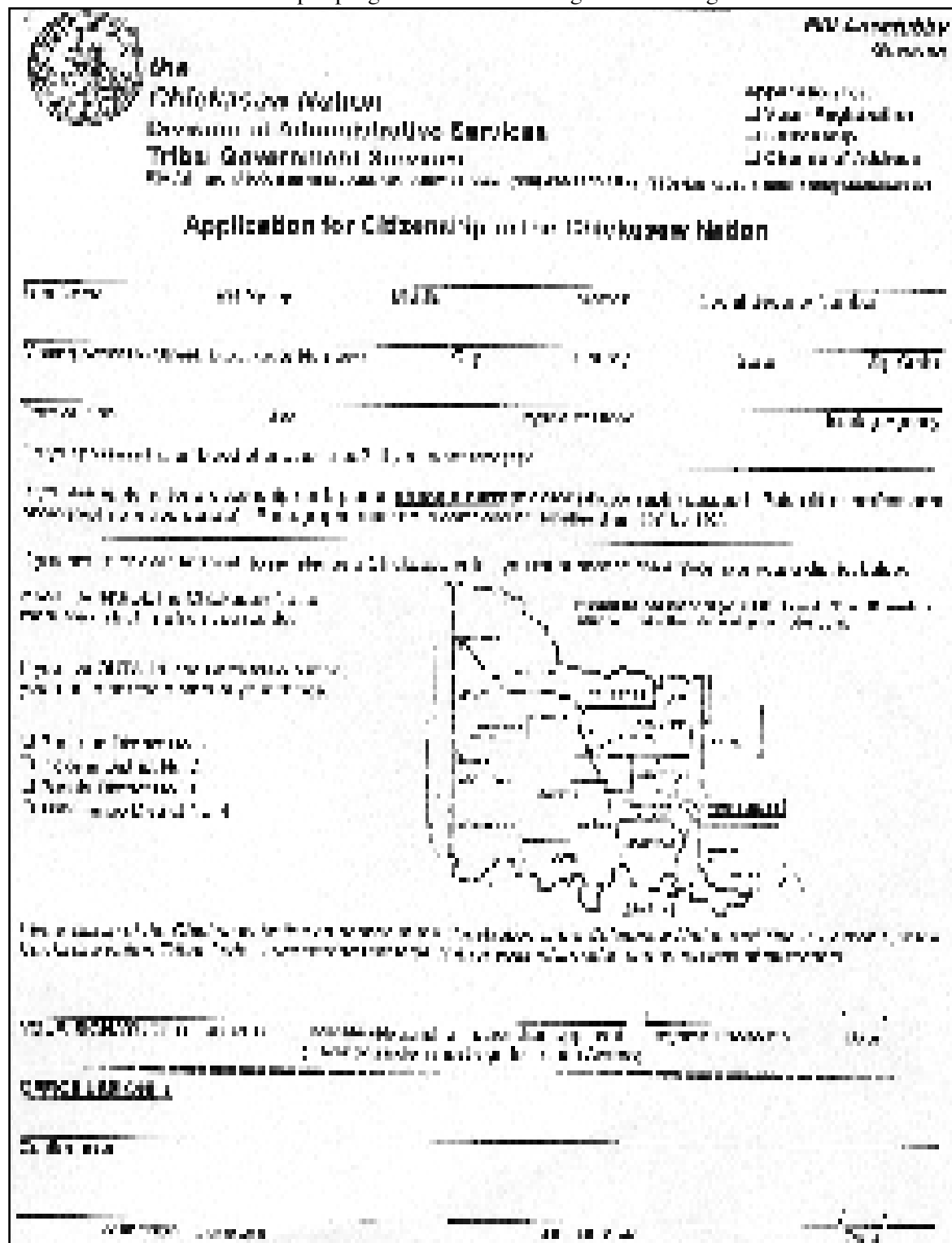
kids around here might know about," Anoatubby said.

The classroom assistants applied the theme to classroom lessons in language, reading, science, art, theatre and cooking. In the science lesson, children are taught about insects and animals they may encounter on a camp out.

Those who attended the seminar received a packet with themed-lesson ideas demonstrated in the presentation.

Anoatubby and Hughes also made the presentation for the Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas Indian Directors Head Start Association in August.

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# Carter Seminary students learning career, motivation



## Work on Chickasaw Nation Children's Village cottages is nearing comple-

Carter Seminary activities department head David Jones is working with Robert Reeves and others in the academics department to expand student horizons and inspire students to pursue new and higher goals through activities that can also be great

learning experiences.

Recent activities include participating in the Native American College and Career Day at Murray State College, and visiting the Oklahoma City Art Museum.

High school students attending college and career day activities heard motivational speaker D.J. Vanas, who presented students with a definition of the term

"warrior" that flies in the face of the common perception.

"A warrior's power lies in his heart, his character and his commitment to those he serves," said Vanas. "A warrior's purpose involves developing his abilities to become an asset to his village. Today, that 'village' can be your family, community, campus, clients, coworkers - anyone you serve."

Vanas then challenged students to unleash the warrior that lives inside each of them and pursue the dreams and aspirations that will bring them true success.

Students also had the opportunity to visit with representatives of dozens of local colleges and organizations to learn about the many educational and career opportunities available.

"We have found that some of our students who were making

good grades in high school were not even considering college simply because that option had never been brought to light," said Reeves.

Jones said he hoped students who attended college and career day came out of the experience with the awareness that a higher education is within their reach.

A trip to the Oklahoma City Art Museum allowed students from eight to 17 to enjoy a first hand look at a wide variety of great art works.

Exhibits viewed by the students included a 1776 Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington and the renowned written and photographic study of virtually every Native American tribe west of the Mississippi compiled by Edward S. Curtis

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## Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing

### For You.....

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing offers you a full range of home loan products in addition to the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program.

Did you know that on virtually every kind of loan the seller can pay part of your closing cost? Has anyone taken the time to sit down with you and explain the process from start to finish or exactly what your closing costs actually are? Would you like personal, one on one attention to every detail?

Did you know that the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing is your ONLY source for the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan? HOWEVER, if you are Native American, and live in the Chickasaw Nation service area, we also have a loan product for you!

### Chuka Chukmasi

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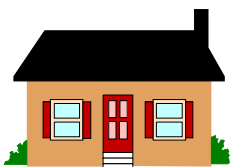
Available to any Tribe living in the Chickasaw Nation service area. This is a Native American loan and allows part of the closing costs to be financed into the loan. Borrowers need 2-3% of the purchase price of their own funds. These may be gifted funds or even a grant from their own tribe. No second mortgages are allowed on this loan. Homebuyer education is required!

### MyCommunityMortgage

This is community homebuyer loan. While there are income guidelines in certain areas, there are no income guidelines in underserved, low and moderate income or minority census tracts and central cities. Borrower investment can be as little as \$500 and community seconds are allowable as a source of funds for closing costs. Homebuyer education is required.

### VA Loans

If you are a Native American Veteran and have never used your VA eligibility to purchase a home, you may do so through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. VA Loans offer



## It is time once again to feature our Chickasaw High School Seniors!

The *Chickasaw Times* would like to congratulate each of you on your accomplishment by featuring you in our May 2004 issue.

Your biography and photo will appear in this special issue if you complete the form below and mail it to us with a photo no later than **Thursday, April 22, 2004.**

### Senior Profile Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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(If parents are deceased or divorced, please indicate)

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Information about graduate (include school activities, extracurricular activities, future plans, etc.)

Please mail your completed form to  
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# HONOR YOUR GRADUATE



# 1750s: A decade of crisis for the Chickasaw people

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

The letter, expressed by Chickasaw head men in April 1754, stated their plight clearly to England's colonial governor of Carolina: *"It's true some Years ago we did not mind how many our Enemies were, but that is not our case at Present, our Number being reduced to a Handful of Men, and thereby we are rendered incapable of keeping our Ground without a Continuance of your friendly Assistance, we not being able to hunt nor are we free from the Hands of our Enemies even in our Towns, so that it is impossible for us to kill Dear to buy Cloathing for ourselves, our Wives, and Children, or even to purchase Amunition."*

The head men said that the traders understandably cannot extend further credit. Yet, without more guns and ammunition, *"we must either stand and be shott, or defend the Enemies' Bullets with our Hatchets as we have nothing else...we may now say our Lives is in your Power to save or to let the Enemy have their Desire off us."*

Another factor in the critical state of the Chickasaws was that their population had decreased due to disease, the casualties of warfare and "a great many of our People has left us." This was particularly so of the young people who had chosen "to live in peace," rather than "stay here where they are in Danger every Day." Although not mentioned in this letter, small groups of Chickasaws had been settling among the Creeks and Cherokees (English allies) in order to help keep the trading paths open with the English colonies. About this time, an English official wrote that the Chickasaw Nation contained no more than 350 men, which was down from a reported 700 warriors in 1708.

Nevertheless, the headmen and warriors ended their letter by saying that they would defend their land and liberty to the last.

If the letter reflects a grim scene and future for the Chickasaws, their predicament was actually worse still. Even if Gov. James Glen were to grant the Chickasaws' request for

more ammunition and guns immediately, they were probably months away from being delivered, such was the great distance and difficulty of the overland route from Carolina or Georgia. Moreover, the arms might not even make it to the Chickasaws. In recent years, Choctaws and other French allied tribes increasingly had been ambushing English supply trains bound for the Chickasaw Nation.

Frequent raids on Chickasaw settlements and hunting camps usually resulted in Chickasaw casualties and forced the warriors to expend their dwindling supply of ammunition. The French and their Indian allies were waging a war of attrition against the Chickasaws; eventually, the relatively few Chickasaw survivors would not be able to defend their homeland and they would either die trying or join other tribes.

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The French governors of Louisiana had been trying to subjugate or exterminate the Chickasaws since the 1730s. In the latter part of that decade, relatively large French and Indian armies attacked but failed to drive the Chickasaws from their homeland in what is now the Tupelo, Mississippi area. The last large military operation against the Chickasaws came in August 1742 when about 1,600 Choctaws and a few French, in retaliation for war-related casualties, targeted Ogoula Tchetoka for two successive days. But this operation was more a provocation than an attack. When the French forces had attacked Ogoula Tchetoka in 1736, the Chickasaws held firm inside their heavily fortified village and then came pouring out to rout the enemy. This time, the Choctaw objective wasn't to breach the palisaded walls, but to incite the Chickasaws to attack and then be overwhelmed by superior numbers. Accordingly, the Choctaws, staying at a safe distance, probably hurled more insults than lead. When the Chickasaws didn't bite, the "battle" ended with only a few casualties suffered on both sides.

Another reason for the Choctaw operation to come when it did could have been the reports that some Chickasaws, seeking

English protection, recently had migrated to Carolina, and that many others were considering following in their wake. But instead of fighting dispirited Chickasaws, one or more Chickasaw war chiefs (probably Mingo Ouma and Paya Mat-taha) had rallied the warriors to defend their nation. Furthermore, the Chickasaws and their Carolina and Georgia trading partners wanted to lure many of the Choctaw towns out of the French trading orbit and into the much more reliable and attractive English partnership. They had a receptive audience in two western Choctaw leaders, Red Shoe and Fanemingo Tchaa.

Other chiefs, most notably, Alibamon Mingo, remained pro-French. Conflict soon developed among Choctaw chiefs, factions and towns over whether to have trading alliances with the English or the French. Even though the French and Choctaws had been allies since 1700, French trade goods, never plentiful, had become scarce and were poor quality. English commodities were superior in number and quality and cheaper. English traders began trading with predominately western Choctaw towns. James Adair, 37, had taken up business with trader John Campbell and residence with the Chickasaws in 1744. With the support of two Chickasaw chiefs, Pastabe and Pahemingo-Amalahta, Adair and Campbell ventured, with numerous Chickasaw escorts, into western Choctaw towns whose residents wanted trade goods and perhaps had Chickasaw kinship connections. Believing that the Carolina governor had promised him a monopoly in the Choctaw trade, Adair and Red Shoe plotted a rebellion against the French that contributed to the Choctaw civil war of 1747-49.

The roots of the Choctaw civil war were more complicated than that, but suffice to say here that while the Chickasaws and their English trading partners were egging on the pro-English factions whenever possible, these were relatively peaceful years for the Chickasaws.

During the war, the French offered rewards for the heads of rebellious chiefs (meaning

anybody not pro-French) and bounties for scalps of Chickasaws. By early 1749, the chiefs of all pro-English Choctaw villages were reported to be dead. This included Red Shoe in 1747 and Fanemingo Tchaa in 1748. But before the war ended, French records reveal that the Chickasaws absorbed some fleeing Choctaws and Chakchiumas into their villages. Even more Choctaws would have fled to the Chickasaws if Louisiana Governor Vaudreuil had not granted pardons to those Choctaws he considered rebellious. But he warned that those who joined forces with the Chickasaws would be dealt with harshly.

When the Choctaw Civil War ended in 1749-50, the French insisted that both factions of Choctaws renew continuous attacks against the Chickasaws, for Louisiana's worst case scenario would be a Chickasaw-Choctaw peace. In an optimistic report to the French king in 1751, it was noted that "so few of them [Chickasaws] remain that the Choctaws will soon succeed in destroying them..."

Only the word "soon" made the report overly optimistic. The Chickasaws would not be destroyed in one battle or probably even several. The number of attacking warriors depended on the season and the resources available from the French. In addition to the Choctaws, the French induced their northern tribal allies to attack the Chickasaws as well. (Some, like the Arkansas and Kickapoo, didn't need much, if any, inducement as they had been long-time enemies of the Chickasaw.) Nobody executed frontal attacks against the well-entrenched Chickasaw in their homeland; rather, they intended to isolate and cut them off by burning outlying houses and killing and capturing men, women and children; intercepting trade goods; picking off members of hunting parties; destroying crops; and killing or capturing as many horses as possible to hamper trade.

The reports from English and French sources during the 1750s are inconsistent and sometimes contradictory. (On the one hand, the Chickasaws often seem to be completely cut off in their villages; on the other, Chickasaw hunting parties seem to abound.)

The main reason for these mixed reports is that the traders were not tribal insiders; they could only report what they had seen and were told by chiefs dictating what they wanted English colonial officials to know.

Nevertheless, evidence illustrating that the Chickasaws' survival was imperiled, perhaps some times more than others. Though they seemed to be virtually surrounded by enemies, the Chickasaws from 1752-54 were able to restrict France's use of the Mississippi River, a crucial supply route from New France in the north to Louisiana in the south.

Yet, English traders, like John Buckles, assumed considerable risks to get gifts and trade goods through to the Chickasaws, and would not attempt to do so without a substantial number of Indian (usually some combination of Chickasaw, Creek and Cherokee) escorts. It was certainly in the best interest of the Choctaws to arrest these supply trains, and both tribes operated in deadly earnest. Not only were these situations kill or be killed but attempting to even the score was a powerful motivator. In a 1752 report, after two Choctaws killed two men and a woman, the Chickasaw survivors pursued them, eventually killing four, capturing two and burning them alive. The wounded Choctaws were tortured, scalped, disemboweled; the Chickasaws who had recently lost friends to the Choctaws painted themselves with their victim's blood.

In light of Chickasaw immigration to the east, the traders gave the chiefs lectures on staying the course, which they didn't need. In fact, the chiefs in 1754 asked Carolina Gov. James Glen to send the Chickasaw chief Squirrel King's warriors back to the homeland to help defend it. (Years before, Squirrel King and about 80 Chickasaws had accepted Carolina's invitation to settle near Savannah.) One French intelligence report noted that the Chickasaws would have been virtually finished without the support of the Cherokees and Shawnees, some of whom had married into the tribe (it is speculated in the report) to receive English gifts.

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Chickasaw mortality reports during the early 1750s support the tribe's pleas for as much assistance as possible. In 1753, it was reported that in the prior 18 months, 31 Chickasaws were killed in battle and several more were captured or wounded. In a tribe as small as the Chickasaws, those are significant numbers. A 1754 report, trader Buckles wrote that 28 had died during the last year, 17 of whom were killed by Choctaws.

In December 1754, Gov. Kerlerec of Louisiana wrote that he "had been assured that they [the Chickasaws] were on the eve of abandoning their villages and of drawing near the English territory."

Today, Kerlerec's observation appears to have been wishful thinking. But in late 1754, he may have thought that his intelligence reports were accurate; but there is no telling what was in the hearts and minds of the Chickasaws defending their homeland. But there is no doubt from the available documentation that they were in mortal danger over the next four years. According to a 1755 report by Carolina official Edmond Atkin, the Chickasaws had 350 men in seven villages within a circumference of 10 miles, while the Choctaws had 3,600 men in some 52 villages.

While the Choctaw advantage appeared to be immense, the Chickasaw homeland fortifications verged on impregnable. Atkin wrote that each village was protected by a palisaded fort and ditch. Certainly the fortified villages had never been breeched either by French forces or Choctaw warriors. Another layer of protection was provided by swamps that enclosed the villages on three sides. To those who would look in vain for those swamps today, Tupelo resident Steve Cook says the swamps were courtesy of a huge population of beavers whose dams had flooded every stream in the area. Cook gained this insight from an examination of some 1834 survey maps and a reading of Thomas Nairne, writing in 1708 of the "multitudes of Beaver Dams."

One more factor in the Chickasaw's favor was that while some English pack trains never got through, enough supplies ar-

rived to keep the muskets firing (and the Chickasaws dependent on the English.) For example, in 1756, Carolina records show that the colony supplied the tribe with 75 guns, 600 pounds of powder, 1,200 pounds of musket balls, and 4,000 gun flints. A year later the colony provided another large supply of arms. In emergencies, English traders gave away ammunition to their Indian allies, such as the Chickasaws' strategic importance to the English colonies.

Meanwhile, Louisiana, which had never been adequately supplied by the French crown, was in "utter destitution" in 1756, according to its governor, Kerlerec. Soldiers were deserting and the colony's Indian allies were restive, to say the least. A year later, the governor wrote that he had not even heard from France since mid-1755. The governor wrote that the warehouses were empty and the Choctaws needed "everything." Fighting colonial insurgency fires in India and Africa and the French and Indian war in 1754 (against England) in the north, France was too overextended to help; moreover, an English naval blockade prevented many ships from reaching the French colony. Clearly, Louisiana's survival had to have a higher priority in Paris.

But with all their problems, both tribes continued their war of sorts, often raiding each other's hunting camps or the outskirts of a village. These two entries from English trader John Buckles' 1757-58 journal are representative.

*June 24<sup>th</sup>: A small Gang of Chactas [Choctaws] came into the Nation in the night, killed a fellow and wounded a Child as they were asleep on a Corn House Scaffold.*

15<sup>th</sup> December: The Chactaws killed a Chickasaw as he was going out a hunting and carried off a Woman and two Children. The 16<sup>th</sup> the Chickasaws pursued them... killed five and redeemed said Woman and Children.

The anxiety among the homeland Chickasaws must have risen during the late 1750s. Not only were they in crisis but they probably lacked the intelligence reports that would have assured them that the French could not

supply their Indian allies and save Louisiana. Moreover, when the British captured Quebec from the French in 1759 and Montreal in 1760, Kerlerec must have known that France would consider Louisiana to be expendable. The die was cast. Choctaw raids tapered off and virtually ceased.

England and France continued their war (but not in the Mississippi River Valley) until 1763 when the Treaty of Paris ended hostilities; France relinquished virtually all of its North American holdings. Unlike some other small tribes caught up in the competition between England and France for dominance in the Mississippi River Valley, the Chickasaws had survived. But the changes in the tribe's culture had been profound and were irreversible.

Living among them at this time was a trader, James Colbert, who would play a pivotal role in the next era of the tribe's history. He had come to the nation as a Carolina trader and by 1740 was a resident trading agent learning to speak Chickasaw. By 1758, when the Choctaws and Chickasaws were finally at peace, Colbert began trading with the Choctaws. Three years later as a British officer, Capt. Colbert led eleven

Chickasaw warriors to the aid of a British fort under siege by the Cherokees. Most importantly, Colbert married a Chickasaw woman and two years later, she gave birth to their son, William. James would marry two other Chickasaw women and would father seven more children. The family would be a dynasty of Chickasaw leadership that would extend far into the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

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in the early twentieth century, among others.

"We have seen art in books in our art class at school, but that doesn't compare to seeing the

real work hanging on the wall," said senior Marcus Cruz.

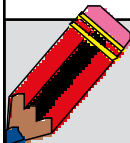
Students have also had the chance to participate in cultural demonstrations as well as

visit several other historic sites and museums, including the Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton, the Chickasaw Nation Museum in Tishomingo and the Greater southwest Museum in Ardmore.

"At the first of the year we thought we would not like going to museums, but Mr. Jones made it fun to go," said student Casey Roberts. "Now we look forward to the trips and it turns out there are some cool things to learn."

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## Assisting survivors of domestic abuse

# Violence Prevention program provides message of self-worth



**Jeanie Anderson**

While survivors of the 25,000-plus cases of domestic violence reported in Oklahoma each year often end up feeling worthless

and helpless, Jeanie Anderson, coordinator of the Chickasaw Nation Family Violence Prevention and Service Program, has a message for them.

"You don't deserve to be treated this way. Help is available."

As part of its comprehensive plan to help survivors of domestic violence, the tribal Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) is starting a Spirit Circle educational support group beginning 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 112 East 10th Street, Ada.

All OVP services, including the support group, are free and

open to the public.

Last year the OVP provided services to more than 350 families in 13 counties within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

Anderson says her goal is to help survivors of all types of domestic violence break the cycle of behavior and gain control of their lives.

"Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence," said Anderson. "Usually domestic violence can be broken down

into three groups, and those are the physical, the sexual and the verbal or emotional."

On average, survivors of domestic violence leave the abuser eight times before they are able to stay away. Helping survivors understand the cycle of violence is a very important factor in influencing them to finally end the relationship.

The cycle begins with a period of calm where the relationship seems normal. That is followed by a period of tension. When that tension builds to a certain point, the abuse begins and it becomes a crisis situation. After the abusive episode, the abuser shows signs of remorse.

"They'll say 'I'm sorry. It will never happen again. Please forgive me,'" Anderson said. "You so want to believe that they are telling the truth, that you forgive them. And it may be okay for a while.

"Then it just repeats itself. It's just a cycle that it goes through. And it's just devastating each time it happens. And what happens is the cycle increases in intensity and frequency."

Most often, survivors seek assistance during a crisis situation and emergency shelter is the most immediate need.

Collaborating with agencies in Ada, Ardmore, Chickasha, Duncan, Durant and McAlester, the OVP can help women find temporary shelter close to home.

Emergency food and clothing is also available.

"We provide these because sometimes when the victim leaves, she leaves with nothing," said Anderson. "They just walk out the door. So they have needs, a lot of needs."

In certain cases, the office can also help with rent, utilities, and deposits to assist the survivor in moving out of an abusive situation.

"We can help with rent, provided they can give us documentation showing they have some form of income," Anderson said. "The last thing we want to do is set them up to fail, by helping them when they don't have the resources to continue. We want them to succeed at gaining control of their lives."

Workers can also help survivors complete petitions for protective orders and appear at the court hearing as an advocate. The office can also refer Native American women to attorneys at Oklahoma Indian Legal Services for assistance with divorces or petitions for protective orders.

For information or to join the Spirit Circle group, contact the Office of Violence Prevention at (580) 436-1222.

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## OVP offers services, coordinates with others

To accomplish its mission "to empower individuals and communities by enhancing awareness efforts to eliminate violence and promote safety within the Chickasaw Nation," the Office of Violence Prevention offers several services and coordinates efforts with a variety of programs.

\* **Family Violence Prevention & Services** - provides services to aid victims of family violence and their dependents with immediate shelter and assist with their related needs.

\* **STOP Violence Against Indian Women** - provides supportive services to Indian women who are victims of do-

mestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Follow-ups and monitoring are also provided to assure recovery of the victim is complete.

\* **Victims of Crime Assistance** - provides crisis intervention immediately upon notification of a crime to evaluate the extent of services required for victim/families. This program provides resources to the public and trains law enforcement in the areas of family violence.

\* **Project Strong Family** - designed to facilitate the formulation of new skills for addressing family-related issues within the tribe. The goal of this project is to strengthen the family unit

and decrease the incidence of divorce, infidelity, violence and other related issues that undermine family structure.

\* **Tribal Youth Program** - improves the tribe's capacity to comprehensively address issues of juvenile crime, violence, substance abuse and gang violence. The program implements community-based programs that enhance awareness of the problems and impact of youth violence. It develops a database and a tribal juvenile justice system to improve juvenile justice practice for court-involved tribal youth.

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## Pontotoc County headstone leads to questions about Gov. Colbert



**Headstone of H. Colbert**

While the tombstone of Humphrey Colbert lies between Fittstown and Stonewall in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, there is no marker for the grave of his father, former Chickasaw Governor Daugherty (Winchester)

Colbert, and there seems to be some question about where his body lies.

An account of the Colbert Cemetery published by the Pontotoc County Historical Society indicates that Humphrey Colbert asked to be buried next to his father, but his father's grave was subsequently bulldozed and covered with cement.

A biography of Winchester Colbert written by John Bartlett Meserve in 1940 says the former governor passed away and was laid to rest near "the present town of Frisco, Johnston County" in 1880.

There is, however, some evidence that Gov. Colbert's grave was actually located in Pontotoc County.

Writing about the first Okla-

homa oil produced in Oklahoma, Muriel H. Wright indicated that Gov. Colbert was laid to rest on his son's property in Pontotoc County.

Other, more recent accounts also seem to indicate the town of Frisco was located between Fittstown and Stonewall in Pontotoc County.

Beyond that, there is some question whether Humphrey Colbert's tombstone actually marks his grave, since the headstones, and possibly the bodies, were moved from their original position prior to the construction of a reservoir.

Although the exact burial place of Gov. Colbert may remain a mystery, his legacy as an important Chickasaw leader is well documented.

Winchester Colbert served as governor from 1858-1860 and from 1862-1866, but his legacy as a leader began earlier.

He had a hand in framing the 1855 treaty that recognized the Chickasaw Nation as an independent nation rather than a district within the Choctaw Nation.

In 1856, he played a prominent role in framing the Chickasaw Constitution and served as one of the first Chickasaw legislators under that constitution.

During the Civil War years when the Chickasaw Nation sided with the South, and chaos reigned over much of the region, Governor Colbert was forced to seek refuge in Texas for a time.

He returned in the fall of 1864, and the Chickasaw Nation be-

came the last of the Five Tribes to surrender July 14, 1865.

In October of that year, Gov. Colbert addressed the first session of the Chickasaw Council to convene since the beginning of the Civil War, advising them to "bring about the manumission of slaves at the earliest practicable period. . ."

The Chickasaw Nation entered the war as an independent ally of the Confederacy and Gov. Colbert headed the delegation to Washington that negotiated a separate final treaty with the U.S. government April 28, 1866.

Later that year, Gov. Colbert left office as Cyrus Harris resumed the office.

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*Supporting excellence in providers*

## Medical Support Services helps ensure quality care



**Sheryl Goodson, Melissa Edgar and Marion Shaw make up the Medical Support Services staff at the Chickasaw Nation Health System. The department is responsible for verifying credentials and evaluating health care providers.**

ADA, Okla.- When it comes to hiring a quality medical staff, the Medical Support Services department at the Chickasaw

Nation Health System plays a key role.

The department ensures that medical staff applicants meet

the high patient-care standards set by CNHS.

"Not only do our providers practice good medicine, they are good people who truly care about the people who we serve," Medical Support Services director Sheryl Goodson said.

The department verifies credentials for applicants seeking positions as physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, nurse anesthetists, dentists and optometrists.

The Medical Support Services department processes medical staff applications, verifies credentials, evaluates current clinical competence, education, training and licensure. This information is summarized and presented to the Medical Execu-

tive Council for recommendation to the Governing Board for medical staff appointment and privileges.

Information collected on applicants includes a background investigation, verification of medical or professional school training, verification of post-graduate training, verification of clinical experience at hospitals or clinics where the provider has practiced, verification of clinical experience at hospitals or clinics where the provider has practiced, verification of board certification when applicable, medical or professional licensure status, malpractice claims history, and verification of state and federal drug license.

Their abilities to perform the

privileges requested is verified, along with references from providers who have knowledge of their medical practice.

Every two years, each medical staff member must be reappointed, which is handled through the Medical Support Services department. The department gathers information on clinical competence, peer recommendations, number of procedures performed and outcomes and patient satisfaction.

CNHS currently has 102 medical staff members. The department processes an average of 54 medical staff reappointments and 18 new applicants each year.

*Contributed by Dena Drabek, tribal media relations.*

## Aguilar speaks on CHR data tracking system



**Pam Aguilar**

Community Health Representative Pam Aguilar attended a national meeting Feb. 9-13 in Phoenix, to offer input on ways to improve the CHR Patient Care Component (PCC) data tracking/reporting system.

Aguilar was one of only three CHR's nationwide who were asked to meet with Indian Health Service Area Office CHR Coordinators and offer suggestions for upgrading the PCC form which is used to document and compile statistical information on patient care.

"It was quite an honor to be selected," said Aguilar. "They wanted to hear from CHR's who work in the field and are familiar with the system to help them make meaningful changes."

Codes are entered into the PCC form to help tribal leaders and health workers keep track of a wide range of services

including health education, patient care, transportation, patient monitoring, emergency care and more.

During the meeting Aguilar was chosen to work on a com-

mittee to implement suggestions for revising and updating the PCC codes.

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

## ER dispensing rules adjusted

ADA, Okla. - A change in after-hours medication dispensing practices at the Carl Albert Hospital emergency room will soon take effect.

Prescribed medications will be dispensed in quantities sufficient solely for immediate therapeutic requirements. Quantities above the immediate requirement will be filled by the CNHS pharmacies during regular business hours, or through an outside pharmacy at the patient's expense.

Chronic medications will

not be refilled through the emergency room.

This change in operation is designed to help free the emergency room operation for emergencies only.

"We have great clinics which provide routine pharmaceuticals," CNHS administrator Bill Lance said. "When our patients need emergency treatment, we must ensure that appropriate emergency access is always available."

*Contributed by Dena Drabek, tribal media relations.*

## Child abuse prevention topic of ECU conference

ADA, Okla. - The prevention of child abuse and neglect is the focus of a two-day conference set for East Central University in Ada Thursday and Friday, April 22-23.

Sponsored by ECU, the Chickasaw Nation and the Pontotoc County Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the conference is expected to attract hundreds of professionals dedicated to child advocacy.

Delivering the keynote address

on April 22 is Plano (TX) Police Detective Mike Johnson, a well-known national speaker who frequently lectures at national and state conferences.

Other respected leaders in the field will also speak at the two-day conference.

For more information, contact Deanna Carpitche at 332-6345; Rita Hart at 310-7025; Vanessa Sawyers at 310-7021; or Kellie Potter at 332-8000. All four numbers are 580 area code.

## Smile!



**Dental assistant Terie Chapman and dental hygienist Denece Redwine talk to Michaela Watterman about keeping her smile bright. Table clinics were set up at Carl Albert Indian Hospital during February, National Childrens Dental Health Month.**

*Contributed by Dena Drabek, tribal media rela-*

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Goforth Parker

### **General Resolution Number 21-012, Business Sublease No. G09-1524 in Latimer County**

This resolution approves a business sublease in favor of Choctaw Hope Development Corporation, in Hugo, Oklahoma. The sublease is for the construction of elderly community homes on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, in Latimer County, Oklahoma, containing 25.00 acres, more or less.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-012. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

#### **12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-012 carried unanimously.**

### **General Resolution Number 21-015, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Murray County, Oklahoma, located in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

#### **11 yes votes**

#### **Member voting no:**

Donna Hartman

#### **1 no vote**

**The motion to approve GR21-015 carried.**

### **General Resolution Number 21-016, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to

acquire real property, containing 3.83 acres, more or less (according to appraisal), in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-016. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

#### **12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-016 carried unanimously.**

### **General Resolution Number 21-017, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 221.41 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, and described as follows:

Tract 1: Containing 30 acres, more or less;

Tract 2: containing 61.05 acres, more or less;

Tract 3: containing 76.97 acres, more or less;

Tract 4: containing 16.27 acres, more or less;

Tract 5: containing 37.12 acres, more or less,

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

#### **12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-017 carried unanimously.**

### **General Resolution Number 21-018, Authorization for**

### **Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County (Adjacent to Carl Albert Indian Health Facility)**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, consisting of a vacant lot, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located in the 1000 Block of North Country Club Road. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-018. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

#### **12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-018 carried unanimously.**

### **General Resolution Number 21-019, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County (Contiguous to Bedre' Chocolate Factory)**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 5 acres, more or less, in Pauls Valley, Garvin County, Oklahoma, located North of the existing Bedré Chocolate Factory. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-019. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

#### **11 yes votes**

#### **Member voting no:**

Tim Colbert

#### **1 no vote**

**The motion to approve GR21-019 carried.**

### **General Resolution Number**

### **21-020, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing approximately 20 acres, more or less (according to appraisal), in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located on the 1100 Block of West Main Street, Ada. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-020. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus.**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

#### **12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-020 carried unanimously.**

### **General Resolution Number 21-021, Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves a real property lease on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. It contains approximately 2.0 acres, more or less, for a primary term of 24 months beginning January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2005.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

#### **Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

#### **12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-021 carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Hartman stated a resolution was approved three years ago to build a food distribution in the Duncan/Marlow area. She asked the status of this facility.

Mr. Seawright stated it was his understanding a food

distribution center was part of the capital improvement plan for 2004.

Mrs. Alexander stated she was agreement with Mrs. Hartman. Land could be found quickly if this was a priority. Three years ago this facility was approved and something should be done to get this project underway.

Dr. Goforth Parker thanked Jessie Kemp and Cindy Johnson for their hard work. She concluded her report.

### **(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott**

No report

### **(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green**

Mrs. Green reported there was a committee working to assess the need for an assisted living facility and a nursing home.

### **(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert**

No report.

### **(H) HISTORICAL CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott**

No report.

### **(I) ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods**

Mr. Woods reported the committee was reviewing changes to the election rules. He welcomed any suggestions in revising the rules to be submitted in writing.

### **(J) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert**

### **Permanent Resolution Number 21-006, Amendment to Title 5, Chapter 1, Article B of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules of Procedure)**

This resolution applies the rules, procedures and law to be applied provisions already established for the Court of Indian Offenses for the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw District Court to the Chickasaw Supreme Court by adding a section to Title 5, Chapter 1, Article B of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The District Court participated in the drafting of this resolution.

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**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-006. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve PR21-006 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-007, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 1, Article B, Section 5-102.1 and Title 5, Chapter 2, Article B, Section 5-202.16 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Locations and Addresses for the Chickasaw Courts)**

This resolution amends sections of Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to provide the addresses and telephone numbers for the Chickasaw District and Supreme Courts. The District Court participated in the drafting of this resolution.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve PR21-007 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-008, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2, Article D of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Summons, Subpoena, Other Process; Service)**

This resolution amends the title, section numbers and other items of Title 5, Chapter 2, Article D of the Chickasaw Nation Code and grants authority to the Chickasaw District Court to issue subpoenas. The District Court participated in the drafting of this resolution.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-008. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin

Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**12 yes votes**

**The motion to approve PR21-008 carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

**AGENDA ITEM #7**

**NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)**

James Humes voiced his concerns regarding citizen's input in legislation.

Mike Watson commented on the inaccuracy of the mailing of the election ballots and problems he has had in getting his address corrected with the Election Office. He also voiced a complaint of the numerous times his medical folder had been lost in the Ardmore Clinic resulting in him not receiving medical services.

**AGENDA ITEM #8**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**David Stout Building**

**Ada, Oklahoma**

**January 16, 2004**

**AGENDA ITEM #1**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM #2**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green (Late arrival; 9:07 a.m.), Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

**Staff present:**

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

**Guests present:**

Joyce Foraker, Bob Foraker, Melissa Wilkerson, Robert L. Cole, Cindy A. Johnson, Ramona McKee, Misty Barker, Jessie Kemp, Mike Watson, Wilma

Watson, Tony Choate, Rane Blair, Ron Blair

**AGENDA ITEM #3**

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Dr. Goforth Parker.

**AGENDA ITEM #4**

**READING OF MINUTES**

- December 19, 2003

Mrs. Alexander noted her comments regarding purchasing property for a senior site in the Davis and Marlow area were not included in the minutes.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to table the December 19, 2003 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hartman.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,

Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**12 yes votes**

**The motion to table the December 19, 2003 minutes carried unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: U N - FINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: R E - PORTS OF COMMITTEES**

(A) L E G I S L A T I V E COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

(B) F I N A N C E COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman D. Scott Colbert

Mr. Scott Colbert reported the committee met and received a report from Wes Brantley, Chief Financial Officer.

(C) H U M A N R E S O U R C E S COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(D) L A N D D E V E L O P M E N T COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

**General Resolution Number 21-023, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1.08 acres more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located on Chamber Loop Road. The Governor is authorized to

request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

Mr. Seawright stated that the previous resolutions considered by the Legislature included a statement in the therefore, be it resolved, paragraph which read, "Such contract shall be for a price not to exceed the Market Value Price."

**A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to amend GR21-023 and the other land resolutions to include the above statement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.**

Dr. Goforth Parker announced she would read the amendment into the other remaining resolutions.

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-023, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 21-024, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.18 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after

acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-024 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McManus.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,

Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-024, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 21-025, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.551 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-025 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Blackwood Scott.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

**13 yes votes**

**The motion to approve GR21-025, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 21-026, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.5234 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-026 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.**

**Members voting yes:**

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim

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Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

### 13 yes votes

**The motion to approve GR21-026, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 21-027, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1.17 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-027 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Blackwood Scott.**

### Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

### 13 yes votes

**The motion to approve GR21-027, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 21-028, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Stephens County**

Dr. Goforth Parker noted this resolution does not include the amendment made previously. This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from MegaBingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games, described as property located in Stephens County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-028. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

Mrs. Hartman asked how much land this included, and

what were the plans for the property.

Dr. Goforth Parker stated it was approximately one acre which would be used for a gaming facility.

Mrs. Hartman asked how much revenue Multimedia receives from these facilities.

Chairperson Briggs stated she was not sure, but would get this information.

### Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

### 13 yes votes

**The motion to approve GR21-028 carried unanimously.**

**General Resolution Number 21-029, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County**

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing approximately 13,640 acres, more or less, in Johnston County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**Chairperson Briggs announced GR 21-029 failed for lack of a motion.**

Dr. Goforth Parker thanked the members of the committee for their hard work and Ms. Johnson for her help. She concluded her report.

(E) **E D U C A T I O N COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott**

No report.

(F) **HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green**

Mrs. Green announced the hospital administrator gave a report to the committee.

(G) **HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert**

No report.

(H) **HISTORICAL CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott**

No report.

(I) **ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods**

Mr. Woods announced the committee met with the Election Commissioners and Election Secretary. The committee reviewed the suggested changes the Commission requested along with suggestions from the Chickasaw Supreme Court. There will be resolutions to present in the coming sessions.

(J) **C O U R T DEVELOPMENT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman**

Tim Colbert

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-010, Amendment to PR 21-007 (Location and Address for the Chickasaw District Court)**

This resolution corrects a section number improperly identified in PR 21-006.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-010. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

### Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

### 13 yes votes

**The motion to approve PR21-010 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-011, Amendments to PR 21-008 (Summons, Subpoena, Other Process; Service)**

This resolution deletes incorrect references made in two sections passed in PR21-008.

**A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR21-011. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.**

### Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

### 13 yes votes

**The motion to approve PR21-011 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-012, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Chickasaw District Court)**

The official designation of the Chickasaw Nation was changed on July 12, 2002, in a notice published in the Federal Register. This resolution amends those sections of the Chickasaw Nation Code which contain the official designation of the Chickasaw Nation.

**A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR21-012. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.**

### Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

### 13 yes votes

**The motion to approve PR21-012 carried unanimously.**

**Permanent Resolution Number 21-013, Amendment to PR 21-006 (Rules of Procedure)**

This resolution corrects the section and rule number enacted in PR 21-006.

**A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.**

### Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

### 13 yes votes

**The motion to approve PR21-013 carried unanimously.**

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

### AGENDA ITEM #7

**NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)**

Mrs. Blackwood Scott announced the groundwork for the senior citizens site in Pauls Valley has begun.

Mr. Tim Colbert stated several years ago the Nation signed a contract with Multimedia which gave the percentage the Nation receives.

Chairperson Briggs stated she would get this information.

Mrs. Green announced the Ada Senior Citizens plan to toured the Thackerville facility and receive a free breakfast.

Chairperson Briggs announced on Wednesdays, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., one of the Thackerville Gaming Center restaurants serves free breakfast to the senior citizens. This even is always well attended.

### AGENDA ITEM #8

### ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative session adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary  
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:  
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

## Chickasaw Nation Election Commissioners

### Chairman

Theodo Underwood, Pickens District

### Vice-Chair

Catherine Wood, Tishomingo District

Stan Wells, Panola District

Pauline Brown, Pontotoc District

Mark Riesen, At Large

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wright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-035

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 300 acres, more or less, in Kingston, Marshall County, Oklahoma, described as Part of Sections 20, 28 and 29 in Township 6 South, Range 6 East, Marshall County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-036

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing approximately 1,304 acres, more or less, in Davis, Murray County, Oklahoma, described as Part of Section 12, 13, 24, 25 and 26, all in Township 1 North, Range 1 East, and Part of Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, all in Township 1 North, Range 2 East, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert,

Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-037

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1 acre, more or less, in Murray County, Oklahoma, described as Part of the SE/4 of Section 7, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Murray County, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-038

Revocable Permit No. G09-1499 in Latimer County

Explanation: This resolution approves Revocable Permit No. G09-1499 for seismic survey lines to cross property owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw

Nations described as: the N/2 SE/4, NW/4 SW/4 SE/4, and S/2 SW/4 SE/4, Latimer County, Oklahoma, containing 110 acres, more or less. This permit allows foot traffic only across said tract in order to perform vibration surveys upon adjacent land. The permit will cover a term of six months beginning at time of approval of this permit by signatures, with a per annum payment of \$400.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$100.00 per annum.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-039

Authorization to Enter into Chickasaw Nation and State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to enter into a gaming compact for specific electronic games or devices, referred collectively as "authorized games," pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation with the State of Oklahoma once appropriate legislation is passed and authorized by the Oklahoma State Legislature.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Steve Woods,

Chairman Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

No votes: Wilson Seawright

General/Permanent Resolution Number 21-040 Approval of Revised Consolidated Tribal Budget - Fiscal Year 2004

Explanation: This resolution approves the revision to the consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of \$3,512,710 and approves the revised consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of \$1,384,368,100.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-009

Amendments to Title 5 and 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules and Procedures for the Courts of the Chickasaw Nation)

Explanation: This resolution amends language of Title 5 regarding the selection of Special Justices and Special Judges. This resolution also amends a section

number, a chapter title and definitions in Titles 5 and 6.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-014

Amendments to Title 2 and 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules and Procedures)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 2 and Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations. The Election Commission and Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar participated in the drafting of this Resolution.

Requested by: Steve Woods, Chairman Election Rules and Procedures Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Steve Woods, Chairman Election Rules and Procedures Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

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## William Robert Ebisch



Funeral services for William Robert Ebisch, 77, of Lawton, Okla., were Feb. 2, 2004 at Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Dr. Ralph Alexander officiating.

Mr. Ebisch died Jan. 28, 2004 in Lawton.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

Mr. Ebisch was born Sept. 13, 1926, in Lawton to C.A. Frederick and Lena Clotilde Millican Ebisch. He was the great-great-grandson of Smith and Ella Teacha Paul of Pauls Valley, and the grandson of original enrollee Mattie Paul. He grew up in Lawton and attended grade school at St. Mary's Catholic School. He attended Lawton High School until his senior year, when he was drafted into the United States Army. He served in the Army during World War II in the Philippines and Japan. After his discharge he completed his high school education. He then attended Cameron College and Southwestern Oklahoma State University, playing football at both schools. He was a 1947 Golden Gloves Boxer.

He married Helen M. Chance on May 13, 1952 in Lawton. He worked in the dry cleaning and laundry business for his parents with Home Laundry and Cleaners and later for Joe Powers Laundry and Cleaners at Fort Sill, Okla. He later opened Ebisch Cleaners which became City and Ebisch Cleaners. He retired in 1992.

He was a former Central District County Commissioner, a life member and past commander of VFW Post No. 5263 and served as post adjutant and on several local, state and national committees. He was a life member of Elks Lodge No. 1056 the American Legion 40 at 8 and the Retired Club.

He is survived by two sons,

James McNelly, California, and David Ebisch, Lawton; four daughters, Mary Ebisch Pulliam and her husband, Charlie; Nancy Ebisch Swain and her husband, Col. Cal Swain, Suzanne Ebisch Berry and Margaret Ebisch Niswonger, all of Lawton; his former spouse Helen Ebisch, Lawton; five sisters, Mildred Brown, Ames, Iowa, Barbara Kay Thomsen, Sparta, Wis., Marie Southern, Two Rivers, Wis., Carol Sue Hampton, Ninnekah, Okla., and O'Rhetta Lee Ebisch, Lawton; two brothers, Paul Ebisch, Mount Vernon, Mo., and Richard Ebisch, Grandfield, Okla.; and 16 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, William Robert McNelly and John Michael Ebisch; and a brother, Frederick Ebisch.

Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post 5263, 103 NE 2nd, Lawton, OK 73507.

Sympathy cards may be sent to the family at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com).

## Lillian Fowler



Lillian Fowler, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend went to be with her Lord Jan. 31, 2004 after a lengthy illness.

Lillian was born to Bryant and Melinda Blackwood December 29, 1919, in Antioch, Okla.

She attended Bloomfield Academy, currently known as Carter Seminary, and her high school years at the Chilocco Indian School.

She married Nicholas Bit Fowler and to this marriage came four daughters and two sons.

They raised their children in Ardmore, Okla., and

were involved in school and community activities. She later moved to Pauls Valley, Okla., and was a member of the Pauls Valley VFW Ladies Auxially.

She was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage and began working for the Chickasaw Nation in 1970 as one of the first Community Health Representative for the Chickasaw Nation. Her work with the Chickasaw Nation allowed her to travel extensively to workshops, powwows and other Native American events.

She provided a variety of services and often went above and beyond the call of duty working extra hours and taking money out of her own pocket to assist families in need. She has been honored and recognized for her work by former Governor Overton James and our present Governor, Bill Anoatubby, for her contributions to the tribe. She was a strong advocate for the Chickasaw people and promoted the establishment of the senior site in Pauls Valley, and while she was ill she continued to keep abreast of Chickasaw activities. She was truly loved and respected by the Chickasaw people.

A Celebration of her life was conducted February 4, 2004 at the Stufflebean Chapel in Pauls Valley. Officiating were Rev. Finis Steelman, Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation Jefferson Keel and a grandson, Jason Mathas read a special poem. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Pauls Valley under the direction of the Stufflebean-Coffey Funeral Home.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda Frost of Pauls Valley, Sandy Homer of Ardmore, Okla., Trisha Hays of Hot Springs Ark., Janie Crowhurst of Las Vegas, Nev.; one son Roger Fowler of Houston, Texas; three sisters, Louise Grant of Mayer, Ariz., Geraldine Sweetman of Wynnewood, Okla., and Novaline Fox of Pauls Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, N.B. Fowler; her firstborn son Harold Nelson Fowler; her sisters, Marie Blackwood, Dorothy Blackwood, Velma Newell and Berniece Blackwood; her brothers V.C. Blackwood and Charles E. Blackwood; two grandsons, Billy Jo Frost and Alex Mathas; and an infant granddaughter.

Pallbearers are grandsons, Vernon Frost, Myles Homer

III, Jason Mathas, Phillip Gregory Hays, and nephews Harold Sweetman and Darold Sweetman. Honorary Pallbearers will be, Warren Sanders, Joshua Farris, Fred Lyda and Alan Fox.

Her entire life was devoted to the love and care of her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

## Haskell Parks, Jr.

Haskell Parks, Jr., 66 of Livingston, Mont., died of natural causes Jan. 28, 2004.

He was born December 13, 1937 in Rincon, N.M., to Haskell Guy and Lola Ruth (Little) Parks. His birth occurred while the family was enroute from the Chickasaw Nation to Southern California where he spent his early life and attended school.

In 1953 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean Conflict with the 101st Airborne and later with the 82nd Airborne Division. After his discharge in 1957 he returned to California.

On Feb. 14, 1963 he married Judith Jane DeKleinhans in Redondo Beach, Calif. They lived for a time there until relocating to Grants Pass, Oregon where he raised three children working in the plywood mills there. He later moved to Sacramento, Calif., where he worked for many years as a custodian for the San Juan School District. After retiring he moved to Livingston to be near his family.

Mr. Parks enjoyed watching

and coaching baseball. He initiated the little league program in Grants Pass in 1973. He was a member of the School Workers Union and was a tireless advocate for workers' rights. As a man of strong principle, he often spoke his mind and you knew where he stood on any issue.

Mr. Parks was 1/4 Chickasaw and he was very proud of his heritage. He believed in the spirits that surrounded us and dreamed of them often. He once said after a bout with prostate cancer that he "had a dream and the old people were there sitting around a fire, and they said he will be looked after and be all right with this sickness." That cancer was never detected again in 15 years. His grandmother, Phoebe Underwood, was an original enrollee.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Parks of Livingston; two sons, Gar Sanders of Albuquerque, N.M., and Gregory Parks and his wife Teresa of Livingston; a daughter Gina Engel of Marietta, Calif.; one brother and two sisters; eight grandchildren, (who completed his life and truly made him the happiest of men) Tyler and Jordan Engel, Mitchell, Daniel and Samuel Sanders, Nashoba Parks, Levi and Riley Rockhill; and numerous nieces and nephews.

For his friends and family he loved and was loved without question and will be greatly missed.

## Note of thanks

We wish to convey a Special Thank You to all our friends and family. Mere words cannot fully express our appreciation for all the beautiful flowers, food, cards, prayers and words of comfort bestowed upon us during the recent loss of our loving mother.

Thank you Jefferson Keel, Lt. Gov. of the Chickasaw Nation and Rev. Finis Steelman, for the beautiful services. Thank you to Fred Lyda of the Chickasaw Nation, The Pauls Valley VFW Ladies Auxiliary, the Pall bearers and to all who shared with us their special memories of our mother. Thank you to all our Native American Family and friends for your beautiful music and songs In Native Tongue and inspiring offerings of remembrance. The Choral group from Carter Seminary, Tim Harjo from the Chickasaw Nation and Rosalie Imotichey were greatly appreciated.

The Family of Lillian Fowler